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THE LADBROKES TROPHY

The Hennessy Gold Cup meeting has long been regarded as one of the highlights of the racing and social calendar at Newbury Racecourse. This year the race is back, bigger than ever, but with a new sponsor: Ladbrokes and a new title: the Ladbrokes Trophy. The change in sponsor will only enhance the meeting with the Ladbrokes Trophy receiving a £50,000 boost in prize money, making it jump racing's second most valuable handicap after the Grand National, as well as other non-racing entertainment.

In recent years the Hennessy Gold Cup has produced winners such as Grand National winner, Many Clouds, Cheltenham Gold Cup contenders Native River and Smad Place, and racing legend, Denman. The meeting has also provided wins for horses such as Coneygree and Thistlecrack.

With increased prize money the Ladbrokes Winter Carnival is likely to deliver even better racing, adding even more quality to what is already regarded as one of the best loved meetings of the racing year.

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Alongside the top-quality racing there will be a host of additional off-the-track activities including live music, street performers and a shopping village, alongside award winning catering – the Racecourse was named Racecourse Caterer of the Year in 2016. The meeting has also become known as one of the social occasions of the winter graced in recent years by Hollywood 'A' listers Eddie Redmayne, Stanley Tucci and Carey Mulligan, comedians Jennifer Saunders and Rob Brydon, actors James Nesbitt and James Norton, musicians Tinie Tempah, Molly King and Melanie Chisolm (Mel C) and sports stars Victoria Pendleton and Denise Lewis. The 2016 trophy was presented by HRH Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall.

Whether you're coming for the racing or the social occasion the Ladbrokes Winter Carnival is sure to deliver a great day out.

Don't miss out, book your tickets today! For more info visit **www.newburyracecourse.co.uk**

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Hundreds of people lined the streets of Banbury to watch the Remembrance Sunday parade as young and old gathered to pay respects to those who gave their lives in conflict.
See pages 12 & 13 for more

£6.8m school to open next year

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW £6.8million primary school that has been lying empty for months is gearing up to open its doors to pupils next September.

Gagle Brook Primary School, which has been built at Bicester's eco town, off Banbury Road, says it will begin appointing staff next year.

The school was built in 2016 and was due to open that year but was delayed until 2017. It was then postponed again due to low registration numbers.

The school has been part funded by developer contributions of more than £4.2m and also by government funding given to Cherwell District Council to get the eco town project off the ground.

The move comes after residents of the eco settlement took to social media urging people to register for the school which is operated by the White Horse Federation, an academy trust.

Posting on the school's website, principal Alan Derry said it would now open next September.

He said he was creating a "vibrant and stimulating 21st Century learning space".

Mr Derry said: "During the coming school year we will appoint a team of skilled teaching and support staff who can facilitate children making choices, asking questions and making decisions in order to reach their true potential as successful independent learners.

"The learning experiences for our first intake of children in September 2018 will be enhanced using a holistic cross curricular approach.

"We will engage children using topics and big questions that are in response to contexts the children enjoy such as outdoor learning, the arts, games.

"We are crafting flexible, modern classrooms and shared learning areas that enables maximum differentiation to support all learning needs."

He has urged people to register their children at the school.

A consultation involving residents, councillors and eco town developer A2Dominion decided to name the school after Gagle Brook which runs across the eco town sites.

For more information go to gaglebrook.org.uk

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Share your views on the future of our GP services

By Samantha McGregor

PEOPLE are being urged to have their say over how GP services will be run in the county in the future.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group has been working with GP practices and patients' representatives over plans for the future of GP and primary care services in the county.

The group said GP services are set to face major "challenges" over the coming years.

These include increased demands on primary care because people are living longer with long-term conditions, fewer people are training as GPs and practice nurses, and 30 per cent of GPs are planning to retire in the county in the next five years.

The OCCG said this was leading to problems in recruitment and with patients accessing GP services, as well as sustainability and workforce issues.

Julie Dandridge, head of primary care at Oxfordshire CCG, said: "We would like to invite local residents to come and join us at some workshops to discuss in detail with doctors and NHS managers how GP and primary care services in their local area could be organised.

"We want to know from people, what works well at their GP practice at the moment.

"GP services are facing increased demand, recruitment difficulties and budget pressures, so we would like to understand from the public, how services could work better in the future."

Other issues facing primary care include the need to improve premises and other infrastructure, increase in patients with complex needs, a lack of integrated working and staff shortages.

The upcoming events, all from 6.30pm to 8pm, are:

■ North Oxfordshire Locality (Banbury, Carterton, Bloxham and surrounding villages): Tuesday 21 November, Banbury (venue TBC)

■ South West Locality (Faringdon, Wantage, Abingdon, Didcot and surrounding villages): Wednesday 22 November, Didcot Civic Hall

■ Oxford City Locality: Thursday 23 November, St Gregory the Great School

■ South East Locality (Wallingford, Henley, Benson, Thame, Chinnor, Sonning Common and surrounding villages): Tuesday 28 November, The George Hotel, High Street, Wallingford

■ North East Locality (Bicester, Kidlington, Woodstock and surrounding villages): Thursday 30 November, The Littlebury Hotel, Kings End, Bicester

To book your place and for more information please email cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net or call 01865 334638.

Ceremony to remember victims of road accidents

PEOPLE who have lost their lives on the road will be remembered in a special ceremony.

Two memorial services will be held this Sunday by the joint Thames Valley and Hampshire roads policing unit in memory of those who have died as a result of collisions on the county's roads.

In Oxfordshire, the ceremony will be held in Thame and will mark the United Nations day of remembrance for road traffic victims.

Families who attended previous services found the event comforting.

One family wrote: "Thank you for an absolutely beautiful and respectful service. All of the family found the service very humbling and uplifting."

During the services local dignitaries, police officers and colleagues from the ambulance and fire services will join members of the public in an act of commemoration.

Last year 144 people were killed on the roads of Hampshire and Thames Valley.

Dave Hardcastle, assistant chief constable for the Joint Operations Unit, said: "We believe it is very important for us to come together with our emergency service colleagues and bereaved families to remember those tragically lost on our roads."

The service in Thame will take place from 3pm at St Mary the Virgin Church.

To attend this service email RDMS@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

InBrief

Teacher faces action over pupil's 'gender'

A 'RESPECTED' Christian teacher faces disciplinary action after referring to a transgender pupil as a girl, although the student identifies as a boy.

Joshua Sutcliffe, a pastor from Oxford, appeared at a hearing yesterday after admitting he said "well done girls" when addressing a group including the student.

After a week-long investigation earlier this month, the school found Mr Sutcliffe 'misgendered' the pupil.

Mr Sutcliffe said: "While the suggestion that gender is fluid conflicts sharply with my Christian beliefs, I recognise my responsibility as a teacher and Christian to treat my pupils with respect and dignity.

"I have balanced these factors by calling the pupil by the chosen name and although I did not intentionally refer to the pupil as a 'girl', I do not believe it is unreasonable to call someone a girl if they were born a girl."

Sex assault denied

A DOCTOR has denied carrying out two sexual assaults at hospitals in Oxford and Cambridge.

Anandagopal Srinivasan, 26, of Sandfield Road, Oxford, is accused of assault at the John Radcliffe Hospital on October 6 last year.

The other assault is alleged to have taken place at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge, on October 24, 2014.

Srinivasan pleaded not guilty at Oxford Crown Court on Friday and was bailed to appear at the same court on May 21 next year.

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Former City and County Councillor David Williams (centre, holding microphone), City Councillor John Tanner (front row, centre), Oxford European Association chair Ruvi Ziegler (on Cllr Tanner's right, in jacket), and Oxford for Europe organiser Colin Gordon (on Cllr Tanner's left, holding paper)

Give people their say on final terms of Brexit

MORE than 100 people attended an anti-Brexit rally in Oxford .

Speakers from the city council and the Oxford European Association spoke up against Article 50 at the event in Bonn Square organised by Oxford for Europe.

Members of the groups handed out around 200 fliers telling people of their appeal to MPs and peers.

The group asked for 'narrow party and personal advantage' to be put aside to ensure 'people have a say on the final terms of an agreement', including the option of staying as full members of the European Union.

Cllr John Tanner, a city council board member, said: 'The European Union withdrawal bill is a huge threat. To Oxford's car factory, universities and hospitals.

"Before quitting the rest of the EU the British people, one way or another, should have a say on whether they support the new arrangements.

'Through another referendum, a General Election or a vote in Parliament, the people of this country must decide.

"Should Britain carry on with the Brexit madness? Democracy is not a vote once-only and never-again affair.

"The people of Oxfordshire, most of whom voted to remain, deserve to be heard."

Historic roof rebuilt to preserve heritage and village community

THE roof of a historic hall has been restored to its former glory after campaigners helped raise £130,000 for the work.

The Morris Memorial Hall in Kelmscott now has a renovated roof that complements the Grade II listed arts and crafts heritage building.

Laura Roberts, treasurer of the Raise the Roof conservation campaign, said: "Our hall was in real danger of falling into ruin. If we had failed in our efforts to conserve the roof, we would have lost not only an important part of our built heritage but also the central and focal point of our tiny community.

"We can now look forward with confidence and are extremely proud to have saved our hall for future generations."

More than 70 people including villagers, sponsors and individual donors, attended a celebration where Lord Faringdon unveiled a special panel acknowledging many of those who had donated.

The Morris Memorial Hall was built in 1934 after being commissioned by May Morris in 1928 in memory of her father, William Morris, a founder of the arts and crafts movement who lived at nearby Kelmscott Manor.

Original contributors to its construction included Jungle Book author Rudyard Kipling, Lord Olivier and the playwright George Bernard Shaw, who performed the opening ceremony.

Cllr Jeanette Baker, from West Oxfordshire District Council, which donated nearly £30,000, said: "It is great to see this campaign come to fruition. It is an excellent example of what can be achieved by a small village community and I congratulate everyone involved."

Kathy Haslam, Jake Nelson and Laura Roberts with back, Anne Stephens and Sarah Richards and left, the restored roof

Court date for Horton battle

By Samantha McGregor

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans to downgrade services at Banbury's Horton Hospital will have their day in court.

The legal challenge was mounted jointly by Cherwell district, South Northamptonshire, Stratford-on-Avon district and Banbury town councils, along with campaign group Keep the Horton General as an interested party.

They will put forward their case for a full judicial review at London's Royal Courts of Justice on December 7 and 8.

The councils and interested parties are seeking a judicial review over Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (OCCG) consultation on changes to services including maternity, critical care and hospital bed use.

They argue the consultation, which took place earlier this year, was "inadequate", "fundamentally flawed" and "confusing" for people who wanted to have their say on the future of their local hospital.

In August, OCCG agreed to permanently downgrade maternity services at the Horton to a midwife-run unit, close 110 beds across the county's hospitals and create a central stroke centre in Oxford.

Campaign group Keep the Horton General, KTHG, said it was organising a coach to take supporters to the hearing in London.

Chairman Keith Strangwood urged people to book a place on the bus. He said: "As everyone in the area is aware, the future of our Horton General Hospital is paramount.

"We would like to ensure that our case receives maximum publicity both locally and nationally."

To prepare for the case the councils have taken "specialist advice" from the legal and medical professions, and put forward sustainable proposals for the future of the Horton Hospital.

The legal move runs in parallel with three separate referrals to the Secretary of State over the process and decision made by the OCCG.

Cherwell District Council declined to comment and said it was now a "court matter".

InBrief

Vote for playground

IT'S the final countdown for a crucial vote that could win a Witney playground project £10,000.

The group Activate:MadleyPark needs the support of the community for a chance to win the money by gaining votes in the Aviva Community Fund before November 21.

Activate:MadleyPark was set up by Madley Park Residents' Association to fundraise for two new play areas on Madley Park, one for under 12s and one for older children.

To vote go to tinyurl.com/y9gzv9d7.

Pop-up parking

CHRISTMAS market organisers in Woodstock have come up with plans to tackle parking problems in the town – a pop up park and ride.

Taking place on Saturday, November 25, visitors can now park at Oxford Airport and Bonhams Auction rooms for free with the bus costing £2 per adult and 50p for children.

Market founder Caroline Casey said: "The market has gone from strength to strength – 2011 saw 18 stands and 1,500 customers to 2016 (with) 40 stands and 4,000 customers.

"The parking in Woodstock was holding the market back so something had to be done."

Sign up to Santa Run

THIS year's festive Santa Run in Bicester will take place on Sunday, December 17, starting and finishing at Pingle Field.

Entrance costs £5 for children and £10 for adults and includes a Santa suit, medal and bacon roll. Closing date for entries is December 8.

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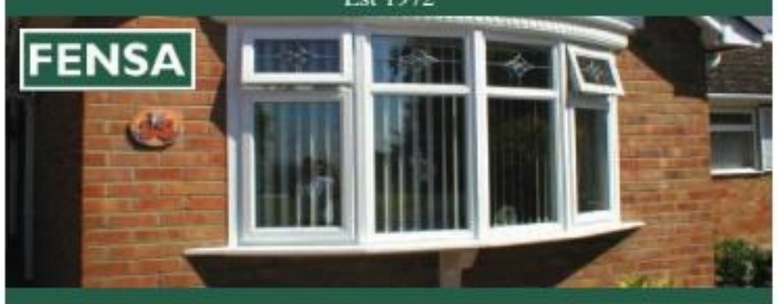

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Vandals sought over damage to safety railings

OXFORDSHIRE County Council is asking for help to find the culprits who damaged a row of safety railings hours after they were installed in Witney.

The new railings just before they were vandalised

The railings had been damaged with some being removed altogether.

The staggered railings were put in Wilmot Close at a cost of around £500 after an elderly resident contacted their local county councillor Laura Price following a collision with a bike which left him injured and shaken.

Police visited the site of the incident a few days later and confirmed that bikes were regularly travelling at high speeds through the alley.

They will be repaired very soon.

If you can help, call 101.

Horse rescued from stable fire

A HORSE was led to safety as staff from a nearby golf club fought a blaze at a stable in north Oxfordshire.

Oxfordshire Fire Service said before its crews arrived, staff from a nearby golf club tried to put out the fire with extinguishers and also "moved some of the more hazardous materials stored in the building to safety".

Incident commander Pete Mackay said when crews arrived at the stables, off the A4095, near Kirtlington, last Wednesday, the stable building, with a quantity of hay inside, and the roof was "well alight". Near to the stable was a house, large oil tank and caravan.

He said a visitor to the house noticed the fire and was able to lead a horse, still in the stable block, to safety.

Three people were treated at the scene for mild smoke inhalation by an ambulance crew.

Mr Mackay, crew manager at Bicester Fire Station, stressed the importance of smoke alarms in all buildings, including outbuildings and ensuring ash is cold before disposal.

He said: "Unfortunately, the fire quickly spread to a large store of firewood and hay from some hot ashes which had been placed in a plastic box within the building earlier that morning.

"This fire developed unnoticed, until the wooden building caught alight.

"Fortunately, due to the quick actions of a visitor noticing the fire, the horse was able to be moved and no animals were injured and we were able to prevent any further spread to the oil tank nearby, while tackling the main fire."

InBrief

Better drivers

A COUNCIL has agreed to buy special software to help improve the way its staff drive vehicles and save thousands of pounds.

Cherwell District Council approved recommendations to adopt telematics and alternatives to diesel fuel.

Telematics is a technology which feeds back information about how operatives handle their vehicles, allowing them to drive in a way that reduces both cost and emissions, and trials show it could save the council up to £24,000 a year and reduce emissions by about eight per cent.

Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cherwell's lead member for clean and green, said the council was also looking at "acquiring more electric vehicles next year".

Lighting up town

BICESTER will be lit up for Christmas on Thursday, November 30, when the annual festive lights get switched on.

Santa Claus will be in attendance, as well as nativity animals, local choirs, live music and a host of stalls will fill Sheep Street.

The lights will be switched on by mayor Les Sibley and the winner of the town's snowflake competition.

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Diabetics urged to join study to help research

Sufferer told it would cut 10 years off life

By Samantha McGregor

AN Oxfordshire diabetic, who has lost two family members to the condition, is urging people to get behind a new research project.

When Nigel Hawkins, 56, was diagnosed with diabetes after a holiday with his wife Linda, he knew he had to change his life.

He had watched his mother Ivy and sister Marion Searley die from conditions related to the disease and was told his diagnosis cut his life expectancy by up to 10 years.

Now as part of World Diabetes Day on Tuesday this week, he's urging people with the disease to join an Oxford University study – called the Oxford Biobank study – to help researchers learn more about Type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes is a lifelong condition where the body cannot process insulin properly and can lead to problems such as kidney failure, cardiovascular disease and stroke.

The aim of the study is to help researchers better understand the disease and how to prevent it.

Father-of-two Mr Hawkins, from Witney, who was diagnosed in 2001, said he felt unwell and was drinking "huge volumes of water to attempt to quench my thirst".

Nigel Hawkins was diagnosed with diabetes in 2001

He said: "On the way home, I had to get my wife to drive because my vision was going.

"It was really blurred; a bit like when you open your eyes under water.

"I went straight to the doctor and sure enough, he did my blood sugar levels and he said, 'I can't believe you're still compos mentis, your levels are 33.4 millimoles per litre'.

"He was surprised I was still able to talk to him in a normal way."

The normal blood sugar rate for people without diabetes is below 7.8 millimoles per litre.

A former health and safety advisor Mr Hawkins said: "When I was admitted to hospital via the A and E route I was told I was diabetic and the consultant said I'd now had 10 years wiped off my life expectancy.

"It scared the living daylights out of me.

"It was quite a shock really because even though I have a family history of diabetes, you always think 'it's not going to happen to me, I'm made of stronger stuff', but that's not the case."

Professor Fredrik Karpe, the Oxford Biobank's chief investigator, said the research work aimed "towards precision medicine" which was linked to genes and meant medicine could be tailored better to individual patients.

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News

Disappointment as further 502 homes approved for town

By Eva Astreinidou

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build 502 homes in Wallingford were approved despite numerous objections from residents.

The decision to give the go ahead to the plans for land at Winterbrook, off Reading Road, north of the Wallingford Bypass have been called 'a great shame' by one councillor.

Lynda Atkins said of the move by South Oxfordshire District Council: "I am not surprised it has gone through, the district council are under a lot of pressure."

She said that one of her main concerns was sewage backing up from the housing development and that there is now a condition in place to resolve the issue before the homes are built, but added: "From previous experience elsewhere I am not sure that will happen."

Councillor Jane Murphy, a member of the district council planning committee, said: "It is disappointing. I look forward to our local plan being in place so that this speculative planning can end."

Wallingford residents have previously raised concerns about how the development submitted by Berkeley Homes which would include a primary school and care home would change the historic town and would strain the already limited infrastructure.

Commenting on the plans last month, Wallingford resident Alan Fraser said: "There are many reasons why this application should be refused, not least the fact that approval of other applications recently, and work already begun, is going to change drastically the size and nature of our wonderful historic town."

Peter Chappell, who also lives in Wallingford, said: "I strongly object to the proposed development on the grounds that it represents rapid over-development of Wallingford and is not sustainable."

He added that the housing will be built on land already subject to winter flooding, adding a 'significant risk' to the area.

Andrew Saunders-Davies, from Berkeley Homes, said: "We are pleased the application has been unanimously approved by the committee. Planning conditions will address all concerns, including infrastructure and sewage."

Do chefs have recipe to win parliament award?

NOT one but two west Oxfordshire pub chefs have been nominated by Witney MP Robert Courts for a parliamentary prize.

Tony Warburton of the Crown Inn at Church Enstone and Ian Neale of the Red Lion in Northmoor, have been nominated for the 2017/18 Parliamentary Pub Chef of the Year award.

Tony, who has been at the Crown for 15 years, said: "I was delighted to be nominated by our local MP Robert Courts.

"We work really hard in a highly competitive area to offer something different.

"We use local and seasonal ingredients from local suppliers, as much as possible, including fresh fish which is delivered daily."

Ian added: "I'm flattered to have been nominated. It's a privilege to be considered for this award that would benefit both me and our business enormously."

The pair will be judged by an expert panel to decide whether they go through to the final stages where the chefs will display their cooking skills.

Mr Courts said: "Pubs are a vital part of the community here in west Oxfordshire, particularly in rural villages.

"Both of these nominees have worked hard to preserve the traditional village pub, revamping their establishments and becoming renowned for offering high quality, local dishes which both reflect their setting and celebrate British cuisine."

Elsewhere from Oxfordshire, Jerome Prigent, from the Horse and Groom in Caulcott near Bicester has been nominated.

Judging will take place next month with the final cook off taking place in January.

Tony Warburton of the Crown Inn at Church Enstone and, Ian Neale of the Red Lion in Northmoor

£1,600 fine for selling puppies

A WOMAN has been fined £1,630 for running a pet shop without a licence.

Helen Moorey, 55, of Idstone Road, Ashbury, near Wantage, had been involved with illegal puppy sales between August 2016 and May this year.

Due to the frequency puppies were available for sale and her refusal to let anyone into her property to meet the puppies' mother, the commercial operation required a licence.

Moorey, who refused to be interviewed under caution, did not provide any evidence at the trial at Oxford Magistrates' Court.

Moorey's limited means was taken into account at her sentencing on November 2, along with other recent convictions for fraud relating to the sale of puppies, for which she is serving an eight-week prison sentence.

She was ordered to pay a fine of £600, a victim surcharge of £30 and a contribution towards prosecution costs of £1,000.

The case was prosecuted in court by Vale of White Horse District Council following an animal welfare complaint investigation by the council's environmental protection team.

Cllr Elaine Ware, cabinet member for environmental health at the Vale, said: "It is extremely important that anyone who makes a living from their sale is properly licensed and maintains the standards required."

New energy system cuts hospital costs by £200k

By Samantha McGregor

TWO hospitals in Oxford have slashed more than £200,000 off their monthly energy bill thanks to a new £14.8m power system.

The figures were revealed as the John Radcliffe Hospital's new combined heat and power centre was officially opened last week by Oxford East MP Anneliese Dodds.

In October 2016, the energy bill for the John Radcliffe and Churchill hospitals was £484,175.03, the same month in 2017 it was £252,832.27, a difference of £231,343.03, the equivalent of £7,462 a day.

Dr Bruno Holthof, chief executive of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said it was "exceptionally" good news.

The Hospital Energy Project saw old boilers in the Churchill and John Radcliffe hospitals replaced with a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) engine, new combi boilers, an Energy Link between the two hospitals and heat stations.

Management building systems were also updated and upgraded and 6,407 light fittings were replaced as part of the project.

Anneliese Dodds, MP, cuts the ribbon at the JR's new Energy Centre accompanied by Trust and Vital Energi staff

The trust said the changes will cut CO_2 output by 10,000 tonnes per year - the equivalent of the CO_2 emissions from 4,000 homes.

Mr Holthof said: "It marks the culmination of two and a half years' work on site to remove our 30-year-old boilers at the John Radcliffe and Churchill and replace them with the infrastructure we need today and for the future.

"It is exceptionally good news that we are already seeing significant savings on our energy bills.

"These initial results are very encouraging, but I would stress that these are only for the first month and so may not be representative of savings for a full year. We shall monitor future months' savings very closely."

The hospitals' head of operational estates and facilities management Claire Hennessy said: "This is a new era of sustainable energy provision for the Trust.

"For the first time in decades, we are going into the winter with reliable heat and power, while also cutting our CO_2 emissions and saving on our energy bills and backlog maintenance."

InBrief

'Buses are needed'

A MOTION calling for Oxfordshire County Council to "recognise the need of bus services" across the county has been backed.

Put forward by Liberal Democrat Cllr Kirsten Johnson, the motion calls on the cabinet to work towards a set of principles, which include "every resident has access to daily public transport".

She said: "Good bus services promote community, they integrate society, they allow young people to continue to live in villages.

"Good bus services reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality, all whilst providing a service many need."

Helping homeless

WEST Oxfordshire District Council is planning to buy a property in a bid to prevent people being homeless.

It would be used as emergency accommodation to avoid residents having to move into bed and breakfast outside the area while a suitable longer-term property is found.

It said there were usually five households in emergency accommodation at any one time and it expected the new house to be constantly in use.

The council expects the move would "significantly" reduce the £38,200 currently spent on emergency accommodation and was due to decide last night.

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Transport app offers options

TECHNOLOGY developed by an Oxford-based company could be used by councils across the UK.

Zipabout has created a computer programme that can map transport options for people wherever they are.

At the touch of a button people can get more information about community transport schemes, mobility services, bikes, lift shares and park and ride, as well as details about the public transport network.

Zipabout also claims the technology can predict pollution issues or transport disruption, and provide motorists, cyclists or pedestrians with personalised routing alternatives in real-time.

The firm says the technology can help councils reduce pollution in cities and towns. It is so confident in its product the software has been given free to every local authority in the UK.

Daniel Chick, Zipabout's technical director, said: "By making this unique and powerful platform available to local authorities free of charge, we are helping to ensure that they can provide sustainable transport and other smart city initiatives that can compete on a technical level with the likes of Uber, CityMapper and other global technology giants.

"We are helping to ensure that these services are delivered in an integrated fashion, and for the benefit of their constituents, not a tech giant's shareholders."

The platform has been developed using technologies originally developed for the online advertising sector.

InBrief

Visitors spend £2bn

A NEW report revealed visitors to Oxfordshire spent more than £2billion in the area for the first time.

Commissioned by Experience Oxfordshire, the Economic Impact Report for Tourism in Oxfordshire found the county welcomed 27.6million visitors in 2016 who spent £2.04bn – an increase of 4.4 per cent.

It showed the biggest visitor spend – 41 per cent – was in Oxford, while the largest number of trips were to Cherwell – the home of designer outlet shopping centre Bicester Village – with 26 per cent.

Help food collection

FOOD charities FareShare and The Trussell Trust are looking for volunteers to join an Oxfordshire Christmas food collection.

The collection will take place at Tesco stores across the county from Thursday, November 30 to Saturday, December 2.

The move is to help support foodbanks and community groups working across the county.

For more information about how to volunteer over the period and the work of the charities go to trusselltrust.org

To the bat cave for this pair

HAVING your children 'flee the nest' has been redefined after a keeper at Cotswold Wildlife Park took on the parental duties of two abandoned baby Egyptian Fruit Bats.

The bats – named Bruce and Wayne – were found roosting by themselves in the Burford park's Bat House.

Without food or the warmth of their mothers chances of survival were slim, so deputy section head of primates at the park, Natalie Horner, took the babies, known as pups, home and became surrogate mother to the pair.

Ms Horner, who described the unexpected job as 'heart-melting', provided round-the-clock care and even gave them flying lessons in her spare bedroom to make sure their wings developed properly.

At four to six weeks old, the bats weighed just 40 grams and were unable to maintain their own body temperature so had to be kept in an incubator for two weeks and monitored closely.

Hand-rearing the tiny winged-mammals was no mean feat for Ms Horner, as she had to invest a lot of time and effort in the newborns.

She said: "I had to feed the babies every three hours in the early days. They were given milk as well as mashed fruit. The first feed of the day was at 6am and the last feed was at midnight.

"One of the things I'll never forget was wrapping the babies in their blankets for feed times.

"Wrapping them up gave them comfort as their mother would wrap her wings around them to keep them safe. As soon as they finished their feed they would fall asleep wrapped in their blankets. It really melted my heart."

After four months of devoted care, Bruce and Wayne developed into healthy youngsters and have now re-joined the bat colony at the park.

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Bruce and Wayne have now rejoined the colony after being hand-reared
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Banker's role in £107m tax fraud

By George Welch

A FORMER Oxford banker and music industry executive has been jailed for his role in an 'audacious and cynical' tax fraud.

Evdoros Chrysanthos Demetriou, 78, of Woodstock Road, was found guilty of conspiracy to cheat the public revenue and sentenced to six years after persuading wealthy people to invest in environmental projects in exchange for tax breaks.

Overall, six men were jailed for 45 years in total after they used the cash to fund lavish lifestyles, buying overseas property and luxury holidays.

HM Revenue & Customs said it could have lost up to £107m as a result.

HMRC's director of fraud investigation service Simon York said: "This was an audacious and cynical fraud on an astonishing scale, characterised by greed and a complete disregard for the ecological causes the perpetrators claimed to be supporting.

"At every step they used contrived offshore structures, complex transactions and blatant lies in an attempt to hide their tracks and derail our criminal investigation."

HMRC said the group, led by "self-styled ringleader" and scientist Michael Richards, enticed 730 high earners to invest in research and development projects focused on reforesting areas of Brazil and China.

The convictions follow a 10-year investigation by HMRC.

Mr Justice Edis said: "It was bare-faced dishonesty and you did everything to inflict loss on the public, the people who pay their taxes, who were also victims.

"It was utter dishonesty, sophisticated planning and astonishing greed hidden behind a mask of concern for the environment."

Richards, 55, from, East Sussex, and Robert Gold, 49, from Dubai were both sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Solicitor Rodney Whiston-Dew, 66 from Greenwich, was jailed for 10 years.

Oxford-educated business consultant Jonathan Anwyl, 44, from East Sussex, was sentenced to five and a half years in jail, while Demetriou received six years.

The five men were all found guilty of conspiracy to cheat the public revenue.

The sixth man, Malcolm Gold, 73 from St Albans, admitted cheating the public revenue and was sentenced to 20 months in jail in January 2017.

Police want to speak to these two men in connection with the four burglaries and seven attempted break-ins at shops in Bicester

Businesses broken into in one-night burglary spree

POLICE have released CCTV images of two men after a spate of burglaries in Bicester town centre.

Officers said thieves broke into four businesses and attempted to break into a further seven shops overnight on November 2 to 3.

Police have linked the incidents and said they want to speak to the men in the images who "may have vital information in connection with a series of burglaries in Bicester".

The stores targeted included Inside Out Developments, in Churchill Road, where an impact drill and soldering equipment was stolen, cash was taken from Gold Star Nails in Crown Walk, and in Dove and Conway Opticians, in Sheep Street, where cash, two iPads and a laptop were stolen.

Travel agent TUI, in Crown Walk, was broken into but nothing was taken.

Burglars also attempted to get in to Just Men and Sharron's Cutting Room, both in Evans Yard, and Boots Opticians, Options Beauty, Coles Bookstore, Robinsons Antiques and Boutique and Baguette Box all in Crown Walk.

Sergeant Kerry O'Leary, of the Bicester Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "I am keen to speak to the men in the CCTV images, as they might have information which is vital to our investigation."

Anyone with information about the burglaries or the CCTV images should call police on 101 quoting reference 43170326948.

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Stars fans to net shirts in city thanks to bus firm deal

FANS of Oxford City Stars will soon be able to buy merchandise when the club sells its stock in the city centre for the first time.

After striking an agreement with sponsors Oxford Bus Company, the high-flying side will have its products on sale at the bus firm's Gloucester Green lounge and travel shop from November 23.

As part of the deal, Oxford Bus Company buses will also broadcast highlights of Stars games on the information screens on its vehicles.

Stars director Greig Box Turnbull said: "This gets the City Stars right into the heart of the city centre and provides exposure to thousands of visitors. Not only will it help generate revenue for the club for us to re-invest into developing the Stars, but it will also help broaden the club's engagement with a wider audience.

"Our clothing range has strong Oxford branding on it, so hopefully it will appeal to tourists, as well as supporters."

The former Oxford United director added: "The club is run by volunteers, so this is fantastic progress for us and we are all extremely grateful to the Oxford Bus Company for their generous support and backing."

Oxford Bus Company managing director Phil Southall said: "We are proud to support and sponsor Oxford City Stars and have been impressed by their ambition and values. I'm sure the partnership will continue to grow."

Oxford City Stars director Greig Box Turnbull, left, and Oxford Bus Company managing director Phil Southall

Uni has 'tens of millions offshore'

By George Welch

LEAKED documents have revealed the multi-million pound offshore investments made by Oxford University.

Known as the Paradise Papers, an investigation into more than 13.4million files released by two offshore service providers and the company registries of 19 tax havens found the university and many other high profile individuals are sheltering funds out of the country.

Both Oxford and Cambridge universities are said to have invested in funds based in the Cayman Islands, a tax haven popular with many American and British hedge funds.

However, both universities have stressed they are charities, meaning there was 'normally no tax to pay'.

A total of 29 Oxbridge colleges – nearly half of the total number making up the universities – have secretly invested tens of millions of pounds in offshore funds, including in a joint venture to develop oil exploration and deep-sea drilling.

Uncovered papers have revealed that, in 2006, Oxford invested £2.6million in Guernsey-based private equity firm Coller International. Cambridge invested £1.3m.

One of the firm's funds, Coller International Partners V – one of the largest of its kind in the world – had invested in energy companies, including £760m in Royal Dutch Shell, an oil and gas company.

The revelation is likely to increase pressure on the two universities to divest from fossil fuels.

Oxford announced it was exiting from coal and tar sands investment in 2015 but has since continued to invest in other fossil fuels.

A spokesperson for Oxford University told the Guardian: "'As charitable trusts, Oxford University's endowment is exempt from UK tax. The taxpayer therefore does not lose a penny from our investments.

"The investments generate some £80m a year which is spent on key academic priorities in Oxford.

"These include the majority of our scholarships and bursaries for students, vital research across medicine, the sciences, social sciences and humanities and our globally outstanding teaching.

"That is £80m for UK education and research which the taxpayer does not have to fund."

TVP outstanding despite its budget and resources

THAMES Valley police was one of only two police forces rated as 'outstanding' in a national assessment despite budget cuts and limited resources.

The force has been given the highest grading possible by the HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue services (HMICFRS) due to its ability to make the most of its resources.

Thames Valley Police was one of only two out of the 43 in England and Wales that received the grading for its levels of efficiency.

This follows on from the force receiving a 'good' rating in previous years.

Chief Constable Francis Habgood said: "We are proud to serve the communities of Thames Valley and this grading is a great endorsement that we are making the most of the limited resources that are available to us."

Anthony Stansfeld, Police and Crime Commissioner for TVP, said: "Like all forces we are coping with reduced budgets and increased demand on policing and only by being efficient can we meet the demands placed upon us. I am delighted that HMIC recognise that Thames Valley Police has risen to this challenge."

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Passing remembrance on to future generation

CROWDS lined the streets of Oxfordshire over the weekend to mark Remembrance Day and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in conflict.

On Friday, RAF Brize Norton's personnel stopped all non-essential duties to attend a ceremony led by the Station Padre, Wing Commander Geoff Withers, for service and civilian personnel at the Oxfordshire base.

Silence fell at 11am as personnel remembered those from across the world who died or were injured in the service of their country.

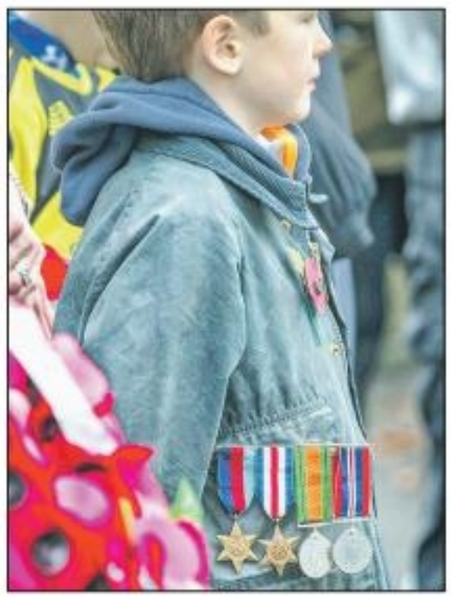
In Carterton's Memorial Garden, children from RAF Brize Norton pre-school laid pebbles to form a poppy to mark Remembrance Day.

Children who all wore their poppies on their clothes had painted pebbles red, black and green to create a big poppy to honour the fallen.

Witney Town Mayor Chris Woodward and MP Robert Courts attended the service in Witney to lay a wreath at the memorial site in an event attended by hundreds of people braving the chilly weather.

Parades in Abingdon, Wallingford and Didcot were also very well-attended.

Wallingford councillor, and supporter of the British Legion, Lynda Atkins said: "The Remembrance Parade in Wallingford was very well attended indeed again this year, with people standing five-deep around the Market Place.



A young boy proudly wears medals at the service at RAF Benson

"I was very pleased to see so many young people there, both in the parade, with cadets, scouts, guides, brownies, cubs and rainbows all there, and in the crowd. It is very important to pass the idea of remembrance on to future generations, and that seems to be working in Wallingford."

The same strong show of solidarity and respect came across the county in north Oxfordshire too.

In Banbury, more than 300 people took part in the town's Remembrance Day parade.

The military and civic procession, led by the Air Cadets Band, moved through the town before going into People's Park where more than 40 poppy wreaths were laid at the war memorial.

Service men and women, veterans and civilians placed wreaths at the Cenotaph before a closing ceremony that included the lowering of flags and a moving rendition of The Last Post.

This year's tribute was the first since the town's war memorial was updated to include those who died serving their country in all wars and conflicts at home and abroad as well as the fallen in the two Worlds Wars.

Royal British Legion Banbury branch president and leader of Banbury Town Council Kieron Mallon said: "Remembrance Day honours those who made the ultimate sacrifice and it is a tribute to them that so many people turned out to stand in silence as the parade marched through town."

In Bicester, crowds gathered at St Edburg's Church.

Wreaths were laid by town dignitaries including mayor Les Sibley and deputy lord lieutenant Miranda Markham, as well as groups and organisations including the police, prisons and fire service.

Visitors from Bicester's twinned towns in France, Germany and Poland also laid wreaths.

Following the church service a parade was led by the band of 2507 Bicester Squadron Air Training Cadets and soldiers from 1 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps Army.

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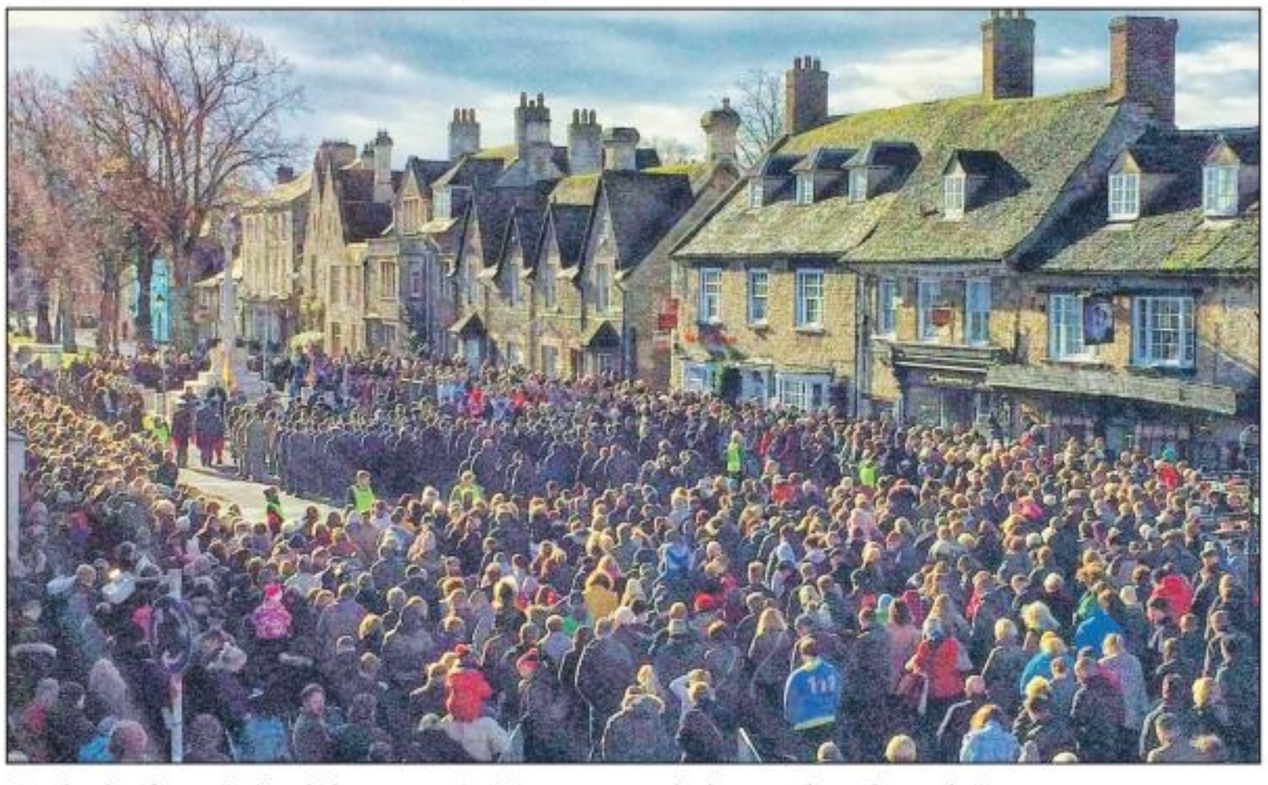
Standards were held proudly aloft in Witney town centre

Members of the armed forces saluted as they passed the memorial in Wallingford. Picture: *SAC Amy Lupton*

The grey cold weather didn't deter people in Wallingford from joining the service Left, wreaths adorned the war memorial in St Giles in Oxford. Picture: *@zoeapatrick*

Poppy wreaths were laid in tribute by young and old in Banbury

Scouts joined members of the armed forces in the parade in Bicester to remember those lost in conflict



Hundreds of people lined the streets in Witney to watch the parade and pay their respects

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‘Homelessness charity helped me get my life back on track’

Recovering alcoholic raising awareness of addiction problem

By Eva Astreinidou

A MAN who refused to believe he was an alcoholic and lost his home has turned things around after his life got ‘as low as it can get’.

Formerly homeless man Gavin Faulkner, 50, has decided to mark alcohol awareness week this week by sharing his story of addiction.

He started drinking at the age of 14 and years later, having had a daughter with his partner, was facing homelessness after he was unable to pay the rent.

But thanks to rehab and a local charity taking him in for the last four years, he has been able to turn his life around and rebuild relationships with people close to him.

Recalling how it started, Gavin said: “My girlfriend at the [age of 14] had a problem with alcohol. We would save up and get drink and cigarettes from a garage in the village. As I got older we had a little more cash and the drinking got heavier.”

Having left school, having a job meant more freedom and the problem escalated: “Now I had money I could drink to my heart’s content. I met a woman and we moved in together, but she was also an alcoholic so everyday we’d start drinking early.”

The two had a daughter together, but were reaching the point of being unable to pay the rent.

He said: “When the deadline came we were homeless. The council put us up in very basic emergency accommodation for three years.”

When their relationship broke down, Gavin’s mother took him in.

He said: “Mum was watching her son dying right in front of her and I slowly began to realise that I might have a problem and needed help. Eventually, mum suggested going into rehab and I agreed.”

Gavin completed a year of specialist rehab, and was then referred to the homelessness charity Emmaus Oxford as a recovering alcoholic.

He said: “It felt like home and it still feels like that.”

He added: “I hadn’t seen my daughter since my recovery started but since I have been at Emmaus this has started to change; we’re back in touch and meet up occasionally.

Gavin Faulkner says Emmaus Oxford has ‘changed him for the better’

“I’ve realised that until my dying days I’ll always be a recovering alcoholic but I feel that I’ve got to the end of the road. Emmaus has given me stability and changed me for the better.”

The charity currently supports 28 formerly homeless people by giving them a home and meaningful work.

InBrief

Marine repatriated

A ROYAL marine whose death is still under investigation was repatriated last week.

The aircraft carrying Royal Marine James Holloway of 42 Commando landed last Wednesday at RAF Brize Norton.

A cortege passed the Memorial Garden before carrying on to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

A Navy spokesperson said: “We can confirm that Marine James Holloway died aboard RFA Fort Rosalie. The cause of death is still under investigation however we can confirm it was not as a result of operational activity. Our thoughts and sympathies are with his family and friends at this sad time.”

140mph driver high

A DRIVER stopped for speeding at more than 140mph was high at the time.

Thames Valley Police roads team pulled the motorist over on the M40 last week.

When officers, who tweeted about the incident at 2.24am on Tuesday last week, tested the man for illegal substances they found cannabis in his system.

Under new drug laws introduced in 2015, it is illegal to have more than two micrograms of delta-9-tetrahydrocannibinol, or THC (the active compound found in cannabis), per 100ml of blood.

Plan to use buses as homeless shelters

A PROJECT that will convert double-decker buses into mobile homeless shelters could help tackle the growing amount of rough sleepers in Oxford.

Action group ‘Homes4All’ has joined forces with Oxford Green party to reveal the scheme and plans to raise funds for it.

Speaking at the launch last week, Oxford city councillor and leader of the Green party, David Thomas, said: “Not only could [the project] provide vital accommodation just as winter sets in, but the homeless community themselves will play a key role in refurbishing and managing the buses.

“Everyone in Oxford should be getting behind this project to make it a success.”

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing, said new ideas are welcomed as rough sleeping continues to increase and cited the success of similar schemes in Reading and the Isle of Wight.

He said:”What is essential is that these solutions are properly resourced to address the complex needs of people – many with drug or alcohol dependency and mental health issues – and provide a safe environment, as well as offering shelter.

“At the moment there is a lack of provision of emergency winter accommodation across the county outside of Oxford – and it may be that this sort of mobile provision could be particularly effective in meeting those needs.”

He said the council is working with a range of organisations to provide solutions to the lack of winter accommodation.

‘Hearing glasses’ win competition

THIS dedicated primary school pupil has won global recognition for an invention idea that assists people with hearing loss by helping them see things they can’t hear.

Rye St Antony School youngster Jacob Levy has been selected as one of two winners of the global Ideas for Ears competition.

The Year 5 pupil’s creative idea is ‘hearing glasses’, a pair of spectacles that allows people with hearing loss to see the things they can’t hear.

The glasses would detect sound and turn conversations into written words for the wearer to read in front of their eyes.

The frames would also convert everyday noises into images, such as a dog barking, or vibrate with a red warning when there is a potentially dangerous situation.

The competition, run by technology business MED-EL, is designed to encourage young inventors aged six to 11 to dream up new, imaginative ways of helping people with hearing loss.

As one of the winners, Jacob will be flown out to Innsbruck in Austria for a tour of MED-EL’s research and development factory.

Emma Coode, head of prep at the Oxford school, said: “We are all extremely proud of Jacob’s achievement.

“To be selected from entrants from across the world is credit to his creativity and dedication – something that we encourage and develop in all of our students.”

Jacob Levy has won a world-wide competition with his invention of hearing glasses

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News

The British Honey Company sales and marketing director Oliver Williams

A sweet taste of success

A LONG Hanborough honey producer is enjoying the sweet taste of success after securing a momentous contract with a supermarket to sell its new range of spirits.

The Honey Company will supply rums, gins and vodkas distilled with Oxfordshire-produced honey to 50 Midcounties Co-operative Food stores in the county.

The honey-based alcohol range, co-branded with The Midcounties Co-operative's Best of Our Counties logo, will feature popular alcoholic drinks with a sweet twist, including British Honey & Salted Caramel Vodka, Cotswold Honey Spiced Rum and Cotswold Honey Gin.

Sales and marketing director Oliver Williams, 25, said: "My family and I set up The British Honey Company in 2014, so to see our products on the shelves of Midcounties Co-operative Food stores in such a short amount of time is a huge achievement for us.

"We met the Best of Our Counties team at a farm shop and deli show three years ago and our partnership started there.

"It's great to be working with a retailer that really supports suppliers in the area and values locally-made products."

Pensions should 'not be invested in fossil fuels'

By George Welch

LIVID climate change campaigners have urged the county council to sever its ties with the fossil fuel industry after a report revealed the authority has invested nearly £133million in oil, coal and gas through its pension fund.

Campaign group Fossil Free Oxfordshire said the controversial investments threaten the climate and also represent an unacceptable financial risk to pension-holders.

Group member Al Chisholm said: "It's shocking to see our council investing so significantly in such a financially risky and morally bankrupt industry.

"Two years ago our government agreed to the Paris Treaty, pledging that the UK, along with the rest of the world, would take real action to tackle climate change."

He added: "It [the fund] specifically includes risk due to climate change and the sooner it stops investing in the companies responsible for the crisis the better.

"It flies in the face of all the efforts being made locally to reduce emissions and combat climate change."

Across the UK, council pension funds invest a total of £16bn in oil, coal and gas companies, up from £14bn in 2015.

Oxfordshire County Council's investment is up nearly 11 per cent from £120m in the same year.

Pete Wallis, member of Oxfordshire's pension scheme and a Fossil Free Oxfordshire supporter, said: "As a council employee I'm deeply uncomfortable that my pension is being invested in companies that are still exploring for new sources of fossil fuel.

"Our councils, and all public institutions, must cut their ties with the fossil fuel companies responsible and divest."

A county council spokesperson said it was the Oxfordshire Pension Fund Committee which managed the Oxfordshire Local Government Pension Scheme on behalf of more than 150 employers across the county, including the county, city and district councils.

A statement read: "Legal opinion obtained by the national Shadow Scheme Advisory Board states that the first duty of all Pension Fund Committees is to the membership of the scheme and that they cannot place ethical and other social, environmental and governance factors above the requirement to maximise the investment returns for a given level of risk."

Witness appeal after lorry hits car in morning rush hour

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a lorry hit a car on the roundabout at the junction of Ermont and Hennef Way in Banbury and didn't stop.

The blue Audi Estate was just coming into Banbury from junction 11 of the M40 when the lorry drove across its path, "severely damaging the front left-hand side of the car" leaving the passengers stranded on the carriageway. The lorry is described as being white with a trailer possibly with sign writing on it.

The incident took place just after 7.30am on Wednesday, November 1.

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Award for transformation of former pub

A PROJECT that turned a former Victorian pub in Oxford city centre into luxury apartments has won a major award.

The building at 46 Hythe Bridge Street picked up a plaque for the best Small Project at the Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT) awards last Tuesday.

Judges recognised the restoration project, led by Jericho-based Robin Swailes Design and Development, which transformed the building from a disused 'eyesore' to a development offering six short-term lets for visitors to the city.

Director Robin Swailes said: "We worked very hard to retain the original character and façade of the building and bring it back to life as a modern destination for visiting tourists and business people.

"This award is testament to the expertise of our team and I am delighted their efforts have been recognised with such a prestigious honour."

The apartments make use of original features such as high ceilings and refurbished sash windows while the original Victorian staircase has been restored.

It is the second OPT honour in a row for the design and development firm after it was awarded a special certificate in the small projects category last year for its transformation work on the former Maroon Bar and

Robin Swailes collected an award for the apartments in Hythe Bridge Street

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News

Festive fun for P2G to finish a fabulous year

By George Welch

WITH Christmas less than 40 days away, our award-winning charity of the year is filling its sack with festivity as it launches its final fundraising push of the year.

Didcot-based group Play2Give is rounding off its 10th year with several Christmas themed events and hopes to boost the £16,000 already raised this year.

P2G, set up by Great Western Park's Andy Baker in 2007, has enjoyed its most successful year raising funds for Oxford Children's Hospital and Headway Oxfordshire.

This is what the group has in store for the remainder of the year:

■ A Christmas party on November 24 with festivities at The Barn on Foxhall Road from 7pm.

The free family friendly event will feature party games, a disco and Santa's grotto.

■ On November 30 the fun of the fair returns to Didcot as the annual Street Fair returns to town.

The traditional Christmas fun will include a wide range of stalls among the bustling crowds enjoying all the thrills and excitement of fun fair rides.

■ Lastly, a sea of Santas will gather in their finest suits and hats to take part in a 5k Santa Run around Milton Park on December 8 to support both P2G and the Oxfordshire MS Therapy Centre, based on the business and technology park.

More than 100 Santas are expected to dive into the Christmas spirit early by sprinting, running, walking, jogging – or even piggy-backing – around the 250-acre site from 12.15pm.

The event is open to all abilities at a £5 minimum entry donation. Register at parkclub.co.uk/miltonparksantarun/

Andy said: "This year has been a phenomenal year for us at P2G but we still hope to raise more before the end of this year.

"So we encourage people to get involved with our many festive events and help change, transform and save lives as the more we raise the more people that can be helped and the more of a difference we can make."

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Members of Rotary Club of Abingdon Vesper planting crocus bulbs

Digging deep to treat polio

SOUTH Oxfordshire will be blooming purple this spring after thousands of purple crocuses were planted by rotary club members.

The move is part of a global project by all Rotary Clubs in the UK and Rotary International, to raise money and awareness to help eradicate Polio.

Over the past few weeks, three rotary clubs, Abingdon, Abingdon Vesper and Riverside planted 7,500 purple crocus bulbs in the town's Albert Park.

Richard Benton, of the Rotary Club of Abingdon Vesper, said: "Myself and my wife Hazel joined with other Rotarians from around the UK in planting 50,000 purple crocuses in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

"The purple crocus represents the purple ink used to mark the finger of a child when it is given the oral polio vaccine.

"This is in countries where polio is still endemic, and those with a high risk of recurrence."

The flowers are planted to raise awareness of the campaign – but cash has also been raised to pay for children to be vaccinated.

Mr Benton and his wife have been to India seven times to help with the immunisation programme, and are planning another trip in 2018.

Foreign Office is 'not helping'

THE parents of 'Jihadi Jack' have accused the Foreign Office of doing nothing to help their son who is being held in Syria.

Jack Letts, who turns 22 next week, converted to Islam and travelled to Syria in 2014.

He has told journalists he is being held by Kurds and is in solitary confinement in a jail in north-east Syria.

Mr Letts' mother, Sally Lane, told the Guardian the FCO and Boris Johnson have been 'completely obstructive' and have refused to help in getting their son released.

She told the paper: "Alistair Burt (a Foreign Office minister) has sent us four identical letters saying that they can't do anything."

His parents, who live in Oxford, say Mr Letts has serious mental health issues and that they are very concerned about his welfare.

The family dispute claims their son travelled to Syria to join Islamic State but added they want him to face trial in the UK if there is any evidence he joined Isis.

An FCO spokeswoman told the paper: "We have consistently made clear over the last few years that people should not travel to Syria and parts of Iraq.

"As outlined in the FCO's travel advice, the government is unable to provide support to British nationals in Syria as the UK government does not have consular representation."

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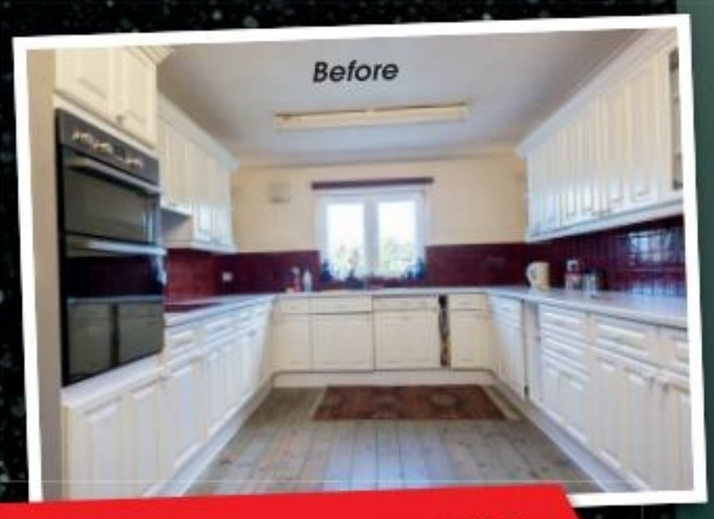

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News

Trainee shortlisted for national award

AN Oxfordshire social worker has been shortlisted for an award for her work with refugee children.

Nabeela Talib, 24, has won a place in the finals for the Student Social Worker of the Year at the profession's top annual awards ceremony.

She has worked with children across Oxfordshire, young refugees and is currently in India with the Human Rights Law Network, an organisation made up of lawyers and social workers, helping Rohingya refugees.

Nabeela completed her Master's degree at Oxford Brookes, and took on a training placement with Oxfordshire County Council where she worked on a caseload overseeing six young people.

Nabeela said: "I was in a strange state of disbelief and awe when I got the email about the nomination.

"All I've done in the past two years of my MA is put my head down and put all my energy, life and soul into the placements and the academic work.

"I don't feel as though I've done anything particularly special - it's only because I've had amazing mentors along the way and they've helped me harness my passion for social work."

Nabeela's interest in social work developed as a teenager after her family began fostering unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

As part of her university course she also had a placement with Asylum Welcome and afterwards joined the council's Looked-After Children and Leaving Care teams.

She said: "Children's social work gives you the unique opportunity to work with children and young people who are in vulnerable situations and are marginalised in one way or another by society.

"Not only do we get the chance to support them in their journey, but we get the platform to make a difference to the generation that is our future."

The council's cabinet member for children and family services Steve Harrod said: "Nabeela has been a great asset to our children's social work teams and shown herself to be an excellent practitioner."

The winners will be announced later this month.

Nabeela Talib is in the running for the Student Social Worker of the Year award

Fears over JR parking spaces

By Eva Astreinidou

CAMPAIGNERS are warning that a new facility at John Radcliffe Hospital could cause more parking issues.

Oxford University have submitted an application for a new neuroscience research facility and are waiting on a decision from a planning committee.

Campaign group One Voice says the development would result in 157 new members of staff across the site and a potential loss of staff parking space, which could then lead to the use of visitors' car parking spaces.

A spokesperson for the group said the new facility will also mean additional visitors to the site, additional pressure for parking on and off-site which may 'further exacerbate existing issues including staff parking in visitor spaces' and further issues with displaced parking in residential areas that currently do not have parking controls.

Car parking spaces are notoriously short at the JR site – just last year, the NHS trust that owns the hospital advised visitors allow an hour to find a place to park.

The number of patients at the hospital has increased 37 per cent over 10 years, while the number of spaces is unchanged – the car parking spaces remain at 730.

A spokesperson for Oxford University said: "This development will not cause a loss of parking space on the JR site.

"The application also includes a significant number of cycle parking facilities (74 spaces, with 18 of those being for visitors).

"We do not expect that the new building will increase visits to the site and no new staff parking permits will be issued – the new facility will house research that is already happening at the JR.

"The university encourages staff to travel by bike or public transport, where possible, and 64 per cent of our staff currently travel to the site by means other than car.

"With the improvements to bus and cycle access being carried out in the Headington area, we expect this number to increase in the coming years."

InBrief

Join tea party

PEOPLE are being reminded to book their place for Thame's Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party.

It takes place at Thame Football Club on Friday, December 8, from 1.30pm to 4pm and will feature a host of festive food and entertainment.

The event is free to attend, includes transport if required, and is jointly organised by Thame Town Council, Rotary, Inner Wheel and the football club.

Places must be reserved ahead of the event.

For more information or to book call Rosie Collins on 01844 260495 or email rosie.collins@thametowncouncil.gov.uk or drop into the Town Hall Information Centre.

Help secret Santas

SECRET Santas from Oxford law firm Blake Morgan are calling on local businesses to support an appeal helping children looked after by social services receive at least one present this Christmas.

The firm's initiative donated 400 gifts last year and the bar has been set at 600 for this festive period.

Presents can be donated at Blake Morgan's offices at Seacourt Tower, in West Way, before December 15, when they will be passed on to social services in time for children to enjoy at Christmas.

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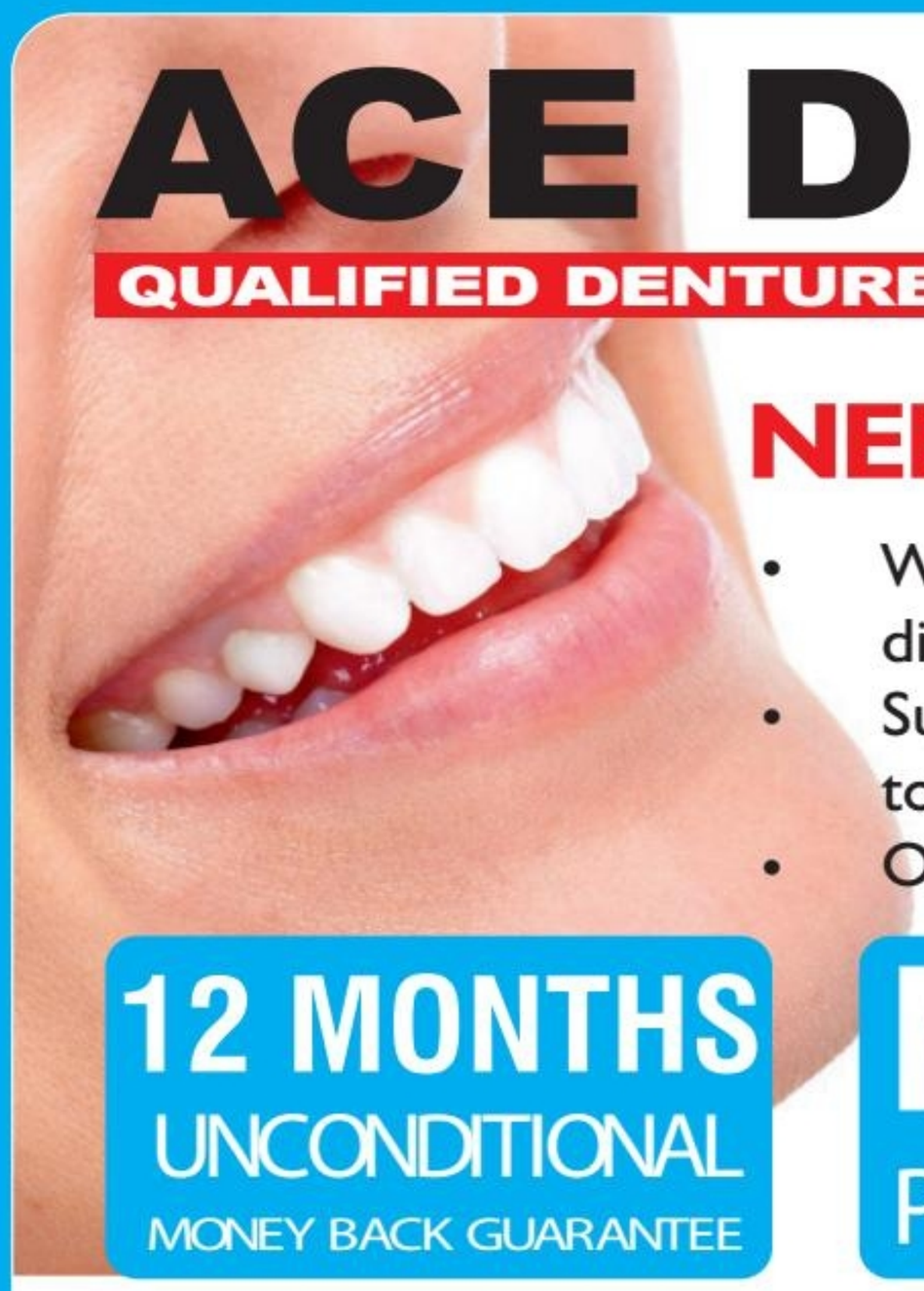

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A giant of a pantomime!

By Samantha McGregor

Ricky Oakley and Paul Barnhill star as Jack and Dame Trott in this year's panto at Oxford Playhouse
Pictures: *Geraint Lewis*

JACK and the Beanstalk, the Oxford Playhouse's most "gigantic production" is gearing up to take to the stage.

This year's festive pantomime opens on Friday, November 24, 'oh yes it does' – and will run until Sunday, January 7.

For the third year running the production has been written and directed by Steve Marmion.

Based on the English folk tale about the plucky but naive Jack and his handful of beans, this new production features Ricky Oakley as Jack, he recently appeared in the new musical Roller Diner at the Soho Theatre.

After getting into humungous trouble with his mother for selling their hapless cow for a handful of beans, Jack's dreams begin to come true when they start to grow... and grow... and GROW.

Who knows what surprises he will face?

Paul Barnhill, first seen at Oxford Playhouse as the treacherous and conniving Abanazer in Aladdin at Christmas 2015, returns to Oxford to play Jack's mother, Dame Trott.

A multi-talented cast bring to life Jack's best friend Jill, the Giant and his evil henchmen Dai Slowly and Judi Hench, the Goose, the Fairy, Jagger the Cow and his clever sister Smart Simone.

Jack and the Beanstalk also stars a young company of 20 local children, aged 11 to 15, who are ready to take their place on stage.

With original music, current tunes and some golden oldies, there will be fun for both adults and children alike.

Be ready to boo the baddies, applaud the goodies and join our hero Jack on his journey as he ascends the giant beanstalk on his quest to conquer the giant.

Tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk at Oxford Playhouse start at £15 and are available from the Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or view oxfordplayhouse.com

On stage

Christmas gift from G4 at Sheldonian

Classical group G4 will perform their Christmas tour at the Sheldonian Theatre Oxford on December 15.

The audience will be treated to timeless classics such as When A Child is Born, Silent Night and All I Want For Christmas, as well as medleys to evoke the Christmas spirit, all delivered up-close and personal in some of the UK's most iconic historical venues.

G4 continue to work in association with the charity Missing People and their Home For Christmas Appeal and a collection will be made during the concert.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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COLOUR FENCE

Good Krief, singer to play Oxford

By Samantha McGregor

SINGER-SONGWRITER Krief - a former member of renowned Montreal band The Dears - is heading to Oxford this month.

Patrick Krief, who has opened gigs for Keane and Morrissey and appeared on the Jonathan Ross Show and David Letterman's show, will play The Wheatsheaf, Oxford on November 21·

His tour comes as he releases his solo album Automanic, which deals with Krief's personal grief over the loss of family members.

He said: "Automanic was an album that helped me escape a terrible era.

"Every song was its own individual therapy session in which I confronted myself and urged myself to get rid of all the people and habits that were toxic in my life.

"I wanted the album to have a nice dense linear arrangement to it. It took months of mixing and remixing the album to finally achieve what I was hearing in my mind.

"Automanic is a double LP separated into two 'chapters', Red and Blue. Red being the more aggressive, forward and assertive chapter while Blue is introspective, and dreamy.

"The album was written during a period of turmoil in my life and I like to see it as an ultimate story of survival and triumph."

Ahead of his Oxford gig, Krief spoke to us about his music, career highs and visiting the city.

Describing his music as "pop music from another era. Synth infused, orchestral at times, eclectic, but mostly rock n roll" he said he was looking forward to playing in the city again, having previously performed at the Zodiac.

Asked about opening gigs for Keane and Morrissey, he said: "It's always a humbling, slightly terrifying experience to open for a huge name in an arena or other massive venue.

"Playing that type of stage is a performance art of its own. There is no greater honour than being asked to open for such bands.

"It's also quite inspiring to experience their performances from side stage."

For Krief, one of his most memorable career moments was playing on the David Letterman Show. Krief said: "I grew up watching that show with my brother, almost religiously.

"I always told myself I would be a guest on it some-day, I spent many nights visualizing that moment.

"Of course, when it finally came to fruition, I was outside myself and extremely nervous.

"Luckily we got to play the show twice 'cause I hardly remember the first time."

Luckily for his Oxford audience though, there won't be any nerves, Krief said: "We will be performing as a semi-acoustic duo.

"It'll be intimate and likely peppered with comical banter."

For more information go to krief.ca

Fairport's 50 years on TV

A NEW television documentary will be broadcast this month to celebrate the legendary folk-rock band Fairport Convention.

The 70-minute Sky Arts film celebrates the 50th anniversary of the life and works of the group and will be aired on November 25 at 9pm.

It tells how five young musicians in North London formed Fairport Convention during 1967's 'summer of love' and went on to shake English folk music to its roots by fusing it with rock.

The film features rare archive interviews and footage as well as newly-filmed interviews with current Fairport members and is brought up to date with images filmed at Fairport's 2017 annual music festival at Cropredy.

The documentary has been made by London-based independent producer Special Treats Productions.

Producer/director Charlie Thomas has been working closely with Fairport for over a year. He says: "Our aim is to explain how important Fairport's influence has been and continues to be - in other words, why the band matters. We have not set out to make a comprehensive, year-by-year history of Fairport; that has been done before. The film concentrates on two periods - the first five years and the band today.

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Out & About

Broadcasting a unique message

By Samantha McGregor

TICKETS have gone on sale for Public Service Broadcasting's spring tour which kicks off in Oxford.

Following the release of the trio's critically-acclaimed album Every Valley and a sell-out European tour, new UK dates for 2018 have been announced.

The band open the tour at the New Theatre Oxford on Thursday, April 5.

The London based group of J. Willgoose Esq. on guitar, banjo, other stringed instruments, Wrigglesworth on drums, piano and electronic musical instruments, and J F Abraham on flugelhorn, bass guitar, drums and assorted other instruments including a vibraslap.

Their live shows have been described as "a singular, spellbinding audio-visual show" and "a tour de force", and the new tour promises not to disappoint.

Public Service Broadcasting say it aims with its gigs is "to fashion a narrative for the dispossessed voices of our history, taking us from the blackest deeps of the Welsh coal mines through the farthest reaches of space in one bound".

And fans have come to expect as much. That's why "resident set design guru and all-round visual mastermind" Mr. B has teamed up with the trio once again to "blow these expectations clean out of the water with another set of heart-stopping blockbuster set-pieces" with amazing visuals.

Their last album was recorded in the former industrial town of Ebbw Vale, and chronicles the rise and devastating fall of the Welsh mining industry. It reached number four in the UK charts.

J. Willgoose Esq. said although the album's story was localised, he believes it can be "applicable to industries all over the western world and possibly beyond, in the way that the Industrial Revolution generated these communities that were so dependent on one particular industry, and what happens to that community when you remove that industry from it, and where that leaves us now".

For tickets drop into the New Theatre box office in George Street, call 0844 871 3020 or go to atgtickets.com/oxford

Schools stage Shakespeare in drama fest

STUDENTS from Oxfordshire will take part in the world's largest Shakespeare drama festival

Nationally about 30,000 pupils will participate from more than 1,000 schools performing one of Shakespeare's plays in their communities.

Run by the Shakespeare Schools Foundation, the Oxfordshire festival will involve Hornton Primary School, Sibford School and Henley in Arden School, who will perform Romeo and Juliet, A Midsomer Night's Dream and As You Like It, respectively.

The pupils have been in rehearsals for months and the plays will be staged at The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury, on November 23, from 7pm.

Children are not just in acting roles, but also take on behind the scenes jobs as well such as lighting.

The cultural education charity said the experience can give young people confidence and self-esteem to "last a lifetime".

Chief Executive Ruth Brock said: "Every workplace needs people who are confident and can work as a team and every community needs people who can get on with other people of very different backgrounds. Taking part in the festival teaches these things and, crucially, it helps young people make friends and have fun."

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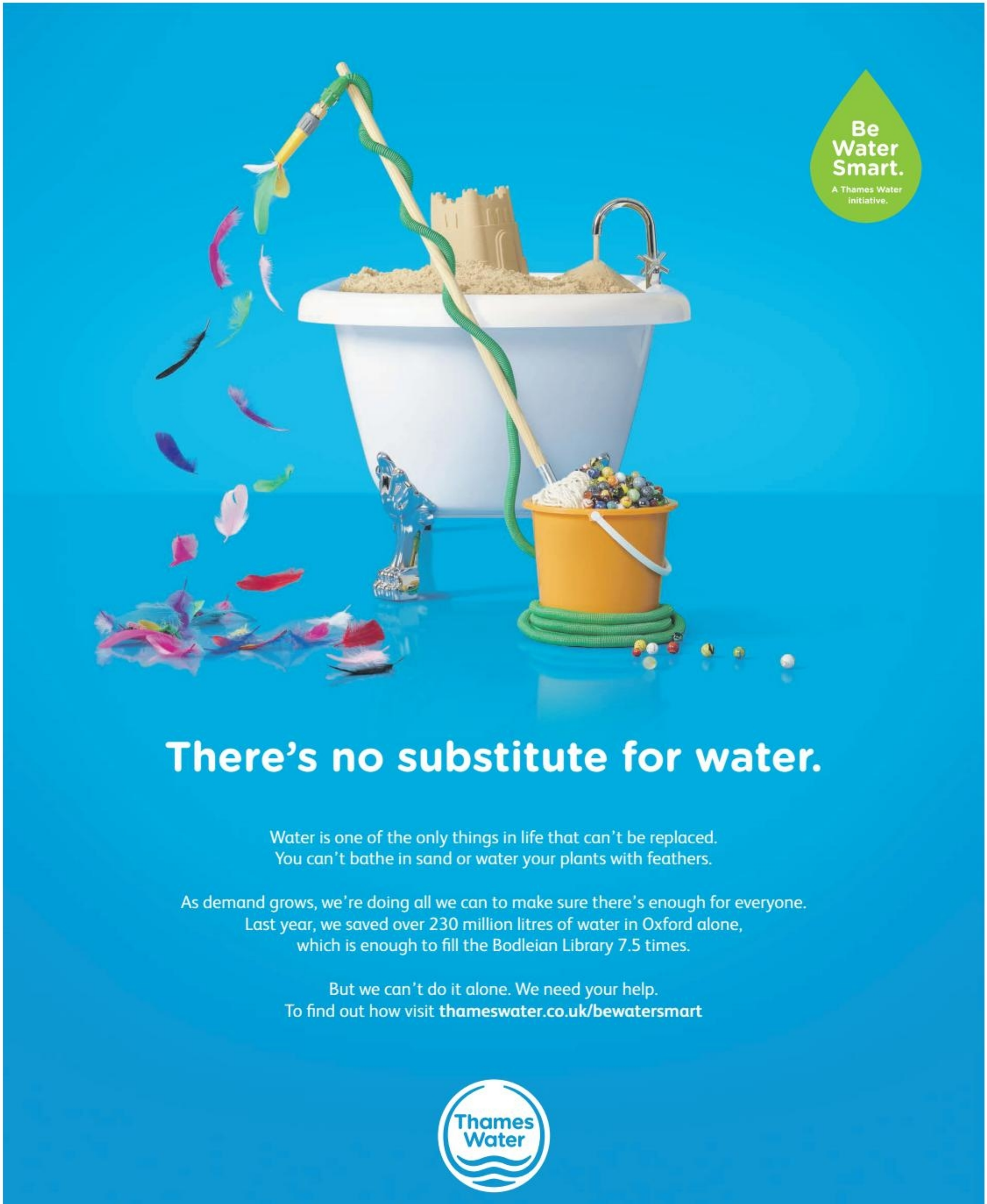

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Out&About Competition

WIN tickets to Christmas at Blenheim!

Closing date: Sunday, November 19, 2017

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas when the trees, Great Lake and waterfalls of Blenheim Palace are playfully lit and all aglow - and we're offering you the chance to win a family ticket for two adults and two children to the Opening Night of Christmas at Blenheim on Friday 24 November 2017.

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Lulu says "I toured for the first time in 15 years in 2015 and haven't stopped since. I absolutely love playing live and can't wait to be out on the road again performing the music that I have shared with you throughout my career... it has always been all about the music... so please come and join me".

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Your weekly puzzle challenge

CROSS CODE

2	20	11	25	26	25	7	■	17	8	25	16	16
19	■	26	■	25	■	25	19	26	■	5	■	19
16	6	20	26	24	25	4	■	19	7	19	2	24
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19	■	25	■	■	26	19	24	19	■	■	8	■
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25	12	25	26	9	■	24	8	26	13	25	9	16

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 U	9	10	11	12	13
14 L	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 R

Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

GREW POOR: NONE WEPT

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

Quiz Challenge

1. What R is an aggressive wild elephant which has been separated from the rest of the herd?
2. What kind of fruit is a honeydew?
3. In American music terminology, it is a sixteenth note. What do we call it?
4. Which boxer did Paul Newman play in the 1956 film Somebody Up There Likes Me?
5. Which BBC TV series that began in 1997, was originally presented by Alan Titchmarsh, Charlie Dimmock and Tommy Walsh?
6. Which newspaper's last front page headline was 'Thank You And Goodbye'?
7. On which Cat Stevens album, released in 1971, would you find the songs Morning Has Broken and Moonshadow?
8. Who wrote a gardening column in Private Eye magazine under the name Rose Blight?
9. Which shipping forecast area lies between Lundy and Malin?
10. What L word, 13 letters long, is defined as showing a lack of interest or enthusiasm?

NONAGRAM

A	I	M
E	L	I
H	U	T

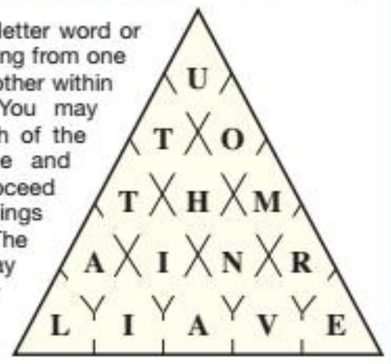
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
28 Good; 34 Very Good; 39 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

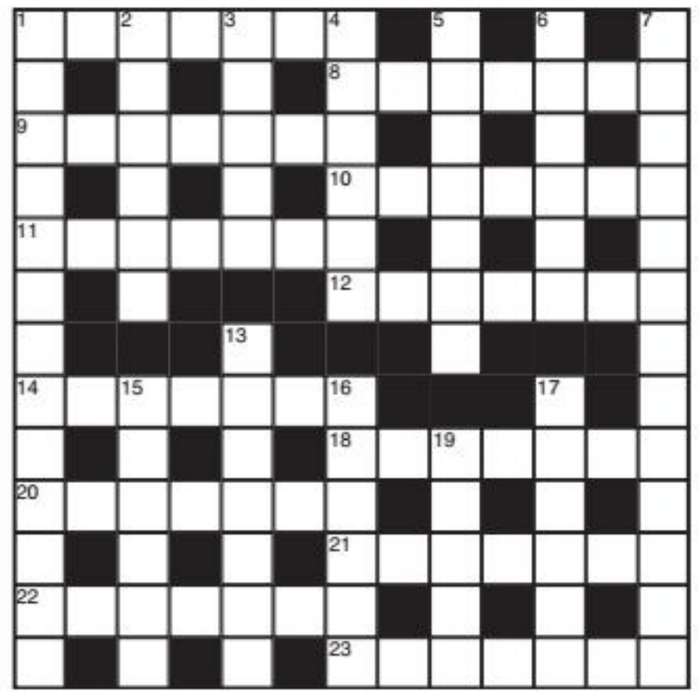


FIVE ALIVE

JW	AI	NL	TK	SZ
UA	■	EU	■	TE
SM	IO	RN	KS	SE
BT	■	SD	■	TW
OE	SV	ES	NA	YS

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Angry at credit notes for hair first (7)
8. Friend has more variety in Sicily (7)
9. Love to be in credit for a whole month (7)
10. Against having showed off after work (7)
11. Playing a tune on the rear part of car (7)
12. Article on more complex principle (7)
14. Those involved in this sport must take a bow (7)
18. In pyjamas, say, Edward was tested (7)
20. Ran most upset across the vessel (7)
21. Everyday unnamed variety (7)
22. Young reporter removed lice from small compartment (7)
23. Missing new clarinet, performing concert (7)

DOWN

1. A flat track not arranged for head-on charge (7,6)
2. Reprimanding member of the crew (6)
3. Spaniard doesn't start the card game (5)
4. Start to grow a vegetable (6)
5. Deliriously pleased to have passed (7)
6. It will not be used when written with assurance (6)
7. Accommodation in prison pronounced unfit? (9,4)
13. Feeling swell in the main? (7)
15. Bad-tempered crustacean at hand (6)
16. Talk incessantly about Myra and me (6)
17. Some nasty ranting oppressor (6)
19. Boom created by technically advanced hedgehog (5)

SUDOKU

Easy Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. **Hard**

2	5							8
		4				9		2
9		8		2	7	1	4	
		6			8		2	
8	9				1	5		
	3	7						1
4			2					
			6		5			7
	7	9	8		3			

	8			3				7
7	6		4					9
		3				5		
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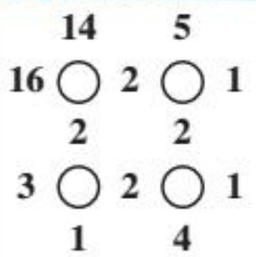
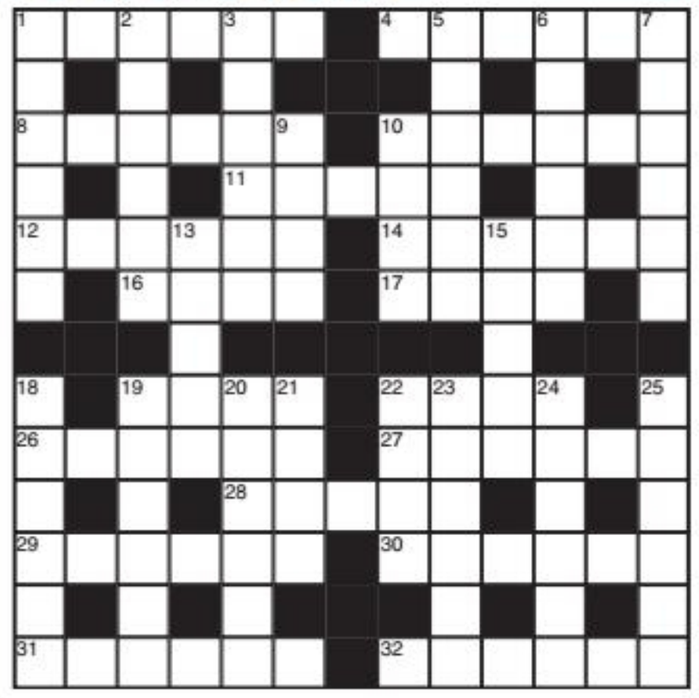
EQUALISER



Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Conceit (6)
4. Condiment (6)
8. Rue (6)
10. Jewelled headband (6)
11. White salt (5)
12. Lower (6)
14. Sirloin steak (6)
16. Simple (4)
17. Genuine (4)
19. Nuisance (4)
22. Honey drink (4)
26. Complete failure (6)
27. From side to side (6)
28. Northern Ireland town (5)
29. Greeting (6)
30. Halogen element (6)
31. Worthless (6)
32. Coming (6)

DOWN

1. Italian city (6)
2. Deny (6)
3. Ancient Greek city (6)
5. Remedy for all ills (6)
6. Light oar (6)
7. Far removed (6)
9. Conservative (4)
10. Silly (4)
13. Hell (5)
15. Of the moon (5)
18. Counteract (6)
19. Rice dish (6)
20. Whisky (6)
21. Large book (4)
22. Wise men (4)
23. Resounded (6)
24. Submissive (6)
25. Going up (6)

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SOLUTIONS

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 Rogue; 2 Melon; 3 Semi-quaver; 4 Rocky Graziano; 5 Ground Force; 6 News of the World; 7 Teaser and the Firecat; 8 Germaine Greer; 9 Irish Sea; 10 Lackadaisical.

CROSS CODE

1 I	2 P	3 C	4 N	5 X	6 H	7 D	8 U	9 Y	10 J	11 W	12 V	13 K
14 L	15 Q	16 S	17 G	18 F	19 A	20 O	21 M	22 B	23 Z	24 T	25 E	26 R

EASY SUDOKU

2	5	3	1	9	4	7	6	8
7	1	4	5	8	6	9	3	2
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HARD SUDOKU

5	8	9	6	3	1	4	2	7
7	6	1	4	2	5	8	3	9
2	4	3	7	8	9	5	1	6
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4	9	2	1	5	3	7	6	8
1	5	4	3	9	7	6	8	2
8	3	7	2	1	6	9	4	5
9	2	6	5	4	8	1	7	3

MAGIC SQUARE: grow; rope; open; went.

EQUALISER: Clockwise from top left – divide; subtract; add; multiply. Total: 7.

WORD PYRAMID: Italian vermouth.

QUICK CROSSWORD:

Across – 1 Vanity; 4 Pepper; 8 Regret; 10 Diadem; 11 Borax; 12 Nether; 14 Fillet; 16 Easy; 17 True; 19 Pest; 22 Mead; 26 Fiasco; 27 Across; 28 Omagh; 29 Salute; 30 Iodine; 31 Trashy; 32 Advent.

Down – 1 Verona; 2 Negate; 3 Thebes; 5 Elixir; 6 Paddle; 7 Remote; 9 Tory; 10 Datt; 13 Hades; 15 Lunar; 18 Offset; 19 Pfeiffer; 20 Scotch; 21 Tome; 22 Magi; 23 Echoed; 24 Docile; 25 Ascent.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:

Across – 1 Furious; 8 Palermo; 9 October; 10 Opposed; 11 Tonneau; 12 Theorem; 14 Archery; 18 Assayed; 20 Transom; 21 Mundane; 22 Cubicle; 23 Recital.

Down – 1 Frontal attack; 2 Rating; 3 Ombre; 4 Sprout; 5 Elapsed; 6 Eraser; 7 Condemned cell; 13 Seasick; 15 Crabby; 16 Yammer; 17 Tyrant; 19 Sonic.

NONAGRAM: alum; amulet; email; hail; hale; hallie; halt; hamlet; haul; haulm; heal; helium; helm; hilt; hilum; hula. HUMILIATE: ileum; ilium; ital; lame; late; latt; lathe; lathi; leat; lieu; lime; limit; lite; lithe; lithia; lithium; luma; lute; mail; male; malt; maul; meal; melt; metal; miaul; mile; milieu; milt; mule; mulleta; tael; tail; tale; teal; thali; tile; ulema; utile.

FIVE ALIVE:

(1) Across – Jinks; Morse; Ovens. **Down** – Jumbo; Nurse; Stews.

(2) Across – Waltz; Sinks; Essay. **Down** – Waste; Lends; Zesty.

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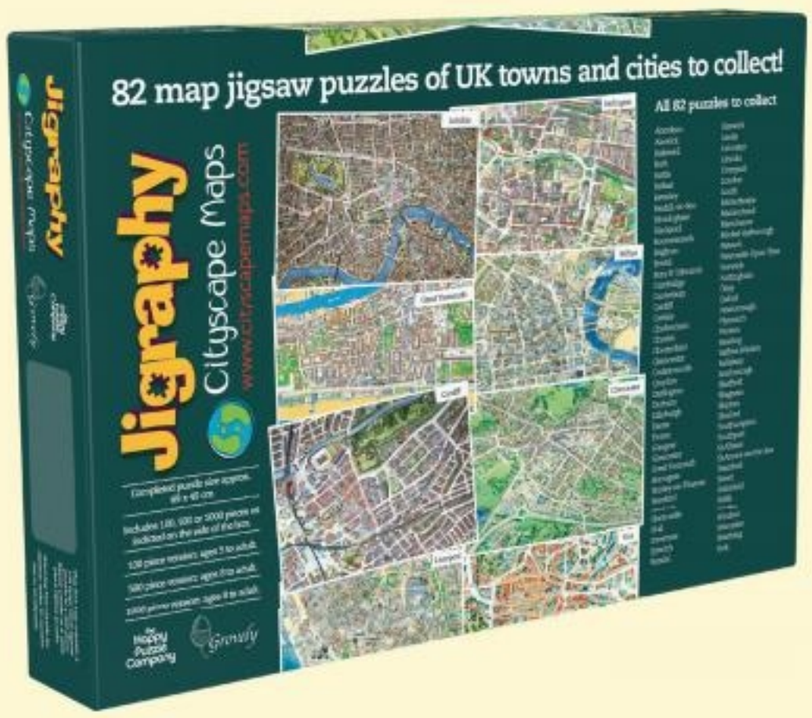
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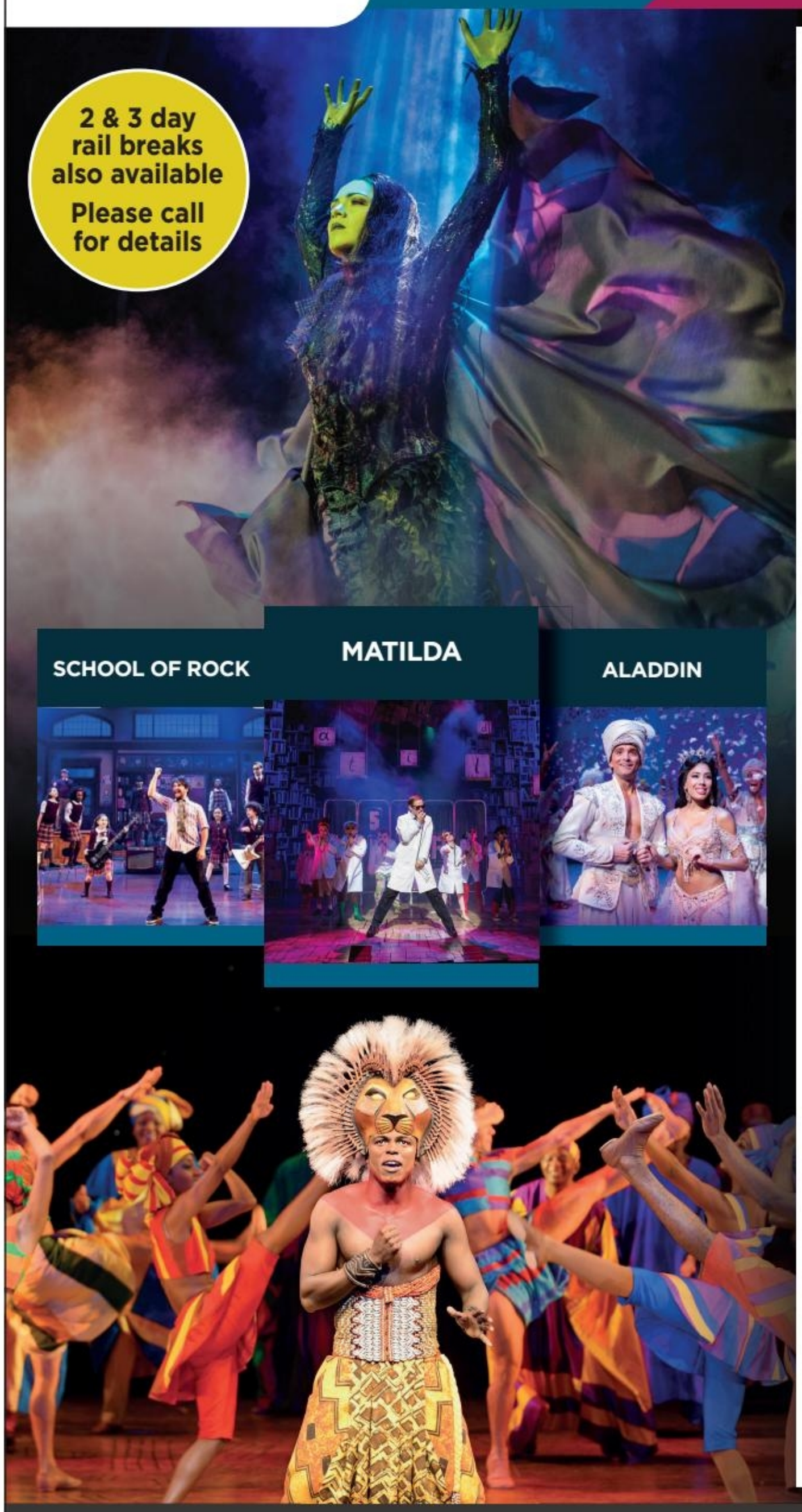

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Friday November 17th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Pointless, 5.15pm

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **11.00 Getting the Builders In** (S) **11.45 Fugitives** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Impossible** (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Royal Recipes** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News** (S)

7
- **7.00 The One Show: Children in Need Special** Alex Jones and Greg James host the final edition of the week. (S)
- **7.30 Children in Need 2017** Hosted by Tess Daly, Ade Adepitan, Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc. (S)

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10
- **10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S)
- **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
- **10.40 Children in Need 2017** Hosted by Marvin and Rochelle Humes.

11

AFTER 12
- **12.30 DIY SOS: The Million Pound Build for Children in Need** (S)(R) **1.30** Children in Need Rocks the 80s (S)(R) **3.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **3.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Weakest Link Celebrity Special for Children in Need, 10pm

6.30 The Housing Enforcers (S)(R) **7.15 Getting the Builders In** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Rugby League World Cup** (S) **2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** (S) **4.45 Kenneth Williams: Talking Comedy** (S)(R) **5.15 Street Auction** (S)(R) **6.00 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (S)

7
- **7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** Tina Hobley and Sharon Maughan scour the Cotswolds for antiques to sell at auction. (S)

8
- **8.00 Mastermind** Specialist subjects include Roman coinage and Harold Wilson. (S)
- **8.30 Only Connect** The Wanderers and Inquisitors return. (S)

9
- **9.00 Extreme Wives with Kate Humble** In Jerusalem, Kate accesses the intensely private ultra-orthodox Haredim. (S)

10
- **10.00 Weakest Link Celebrity Special for Children in Need** Anne Robinson hosts a charity edition of the quiz. (S)
- **10.40 Newsnight** (S)

11
- **11.10 Weather** (S)
- **11.15 Snowfall** Teddy is given once last chance to put things right. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
- **12.00 Sign Zone: Student Loan Scandal – Panorama** (S)(R) **12.30** Louis Theroux: Talking to Anorexia (S)(R) **1.30** Army: Behind the New Frontlines (S)(R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two

ITV

Emmerdale, 7pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.00 Tenable** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)

7
- **7.00 Emmerdale** Cain reflects on his childhood. (S)
- **7.30 Coronation Street** Rana spends her wedding day thinking of Kate. (S)

8
- **8.00 Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears** The adventurer explores the Dampier Peninsula. (S)
- **8.30 Coronation Street** (S)

9
- **9.00 Gone to Pot: American Road Trip** The celebrities explore a legalised marijuana farm in Colorado. Last in the series. (S)

10
- **10.00 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **10.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)
- **10.40 FILM The Chronicles of Riddick (2004) (15)** Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Vin Diesel (S)

11

AFTER 12
- **12.45 Jackpot247 3.00** Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Food Unwrapped: Supermarket Special, 8pm

9.00 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Hotel Hell** (S)(R) **11.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 My Kitchen Rules** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **4.00 Coast vs Country** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S) **5.30 Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7
- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)
- **7.30 Unreported World** The treatment of young prisoners in Australia. Last in the series. (S)

8
- **8.00 Food Unwrapped: Supermarket Special** The reasons prices seem to be rising so quickly in the shops. (S)

9
- **9.00 Gogglebox** The households' opinions on recent TV. (S)

10
- **10.00 The Last Leg** Comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (S)

11
- **11.00 First Dates** A receptionist sits down for a meal with a chef. (R)

AFTER 12
- **12.10 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.40** The Simpsons (S)(R) **1.05 FILM Your Highness (2011) (15)** (S) **2.50** Humans (S)(R) **3.45** Man Down (S)(R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.10** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **5.20** Draw It! (S)(R)

Channel 5

The World's Greatest Bridges, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 GPs: Behind Closed Doors (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Jo Brand's Cats & Kittens** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** (S)(R) **3.10 FILM Crazy for Christmas (2005) (PG)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7
- **7.00 The Gadget Show** The presenters take a road trip from Birmingham to Weston-super-Mare; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8
- **8.00 The World's Greatest Bridges** New York's Brooklyn Bridge; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9
- **9.00 Eight Days That Made Rome: Rome's First Emperor** Octavian's theft of Mark Antony's will. (S)

10
- **10.00 Bog Bodies Secrets Revealed** Scientists unearth the secrets behind a 2,000-year-old murder mystery. (S)

11
- **11.05 Hitler's Death: A Secret Conspiracy** The fate of the Nazi leader. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
- **12.00 SuperCasino** (S) **3.10** When Calls the Heart (S) **4.30** Access (S) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Cube **6.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.10** Dinner Date **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** Planet's Got Talent **9.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.20** Dinner Date **11.20** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **1.20** Planet's Got Talent **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **7.00** You've Been Framed and Famous! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Family Guy **11.00** American Dad! **12.00** Ghosted **12.30** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show: Best Of **1.00** Plebs **2.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 On the Buses **6.25** Classic Coronation Street **7.15** Heartbeat **8.15** Wild at Heart **9.10** Judge Judy **10.35** A Touch of Frost **12.40** Wild at Heart **1.40** Heartbeat **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.45** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Endeavour **12.00** Mr Selfridge **1.05** FILM: Chicago (2002) (12) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** FILM: Chicago (2002) (12) Concluded. **3.05** A Touch of Frost **4.50** Judge Judy **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** The Good Old Days **8.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **9.00** Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits **10.00** Gregory Porter's Popular Voices **11.00** Showstoppers at the BBC **12.00** Van Morrison Live at Eden **12.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.30** Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits **2.30** Gregory Porter's Popular Voices **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **7.00** Charmed **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Black-ish **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** New Girl **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** New Girl **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Streetmate **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Jeremy Renner. **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.40** Tattoo Fixers **1.50** Rude Tube **2.45** First Dates **3.40** Rude Tube **4.05** Black-ish **4.50** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **10.00** Four in a Bed **12.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.50** Come Dine with Me **3.50** Time Team **5.55** The Secret Life of the Zoo **6.55** The Supervet **7.55** FILM: Robin Hood (2010) (12) Medieval adventure, starring Russell Crowe. **10.40** 24 Hours in A&E **11.40** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **12.40** Ramsay's Hotel Hell **1.35** 24 Hours in A&E **2.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits **3.30** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Comanche Station (1960) (PG) **12.30** Mrs Pollifax - Spy (1971) (PG) **2.40** The Man from the Alamo (1953) (U) **4.20** The Charge of the Light Brigade (1968) (PG) Historical drama, starring David Hemmings. **6.55** Tomorrow, When the War Began (2010) (12) **9.00** Super 8 (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney. **11.15** Shut In (2015) (15) Horror thriller, starring Beth Riesgraf. **1.00** Hellboy (2004) (12) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Don't Say It, Bring It **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Sin City Motors **4.00** Deadly 60 on a Mission **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Don't Say It, Bring It **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** QI Christmas XL **10.00** QI **10.40** Mock the Week **12.00** Room 101 **12.40** Mock the Week **1.20** QI **2.00** Mock the Week **2.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20
7.10 The Bill **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** A Fine Romance **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **6.00** A Fine Romance **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** London's Burning **2.00** In Deep **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Zoo Tales **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **8.30** Send in the Dogs Australia **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** Attenborough at 90: Behind the Lens **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.30** Modern Family **9.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **10.00** A League of Their Own **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** The Force: North East **2.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **3.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Storm City **7.00** The British **8.00** Fish Town **9.00** The West Wing **11.00** House **1.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** The West Wing **5.00** House **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.15** FILM: The Enemy Within (1994) (15) **1.55** Californication **3.05** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **4.05** The West Wing

W SKY: 109
6.10 Wanted Down Under **8.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **4.00** The Secrets in My Family **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Dr Christian Will See You Now **8.00** Inside the Ambulance **9.00** KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy **10.20** Absolutely Fabulous **11.00** EastEnders **11.40** One Born Every Minute **12.40** Wanted Down Under **2.20** Life Is Toff **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110
7.10 Sorry! **7.45** Yes, Prime Minister **8.20** The Brittas Empire **9.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.40** Sorry! **10.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.20** As Time Goes By **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.35** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.20** The Brittas Empire **3.00** The Good Life **3.40** Porridge **4.20** Last of the Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Porridge **7.40** The Good Life **8.20** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **9.00** The Rebel **10.00** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Not Going Out **11.40** The Mighty Boosh **1.00** Inside No 9 **1.40** Live at the Apollo **2.30** The Mighty Boosh **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401
6.00 Live Test Cricket. **11.15** Live European Tour Golf. **1.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **4.00** Live: CSA T20 Challenge. Coverage of a match from South Africa's domestic competition. **7.30** Live EFL. Preston North End v Bolton Wanderers (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** The Debate **11.00** Sky Sports News **4.00** Live Test Cricket.

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DAYTIME

BBC1

Pointless Celebrities, 6pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Nigella: At My Table** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Rugby League World Cup** (S) **2.00 Live International Rugby Union** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.10 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme** (S) **5.40 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News** (S) **6.00 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.45 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

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8.10 Michael McIntyre's Big Show New series. The comedian's family entertainment show returns. (S)

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9.10 Casualty Robyn is dumbfounded when she is reunited with Glen – her terminally ill ex-fiance. (S)

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10.00 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Including highlights of Leicester City v Manchester City. (S)

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11.50 The NFL Show Including highlights of Thursday night's game. (S)

AFTER 12

12.20 FILM Man on the Moon (1999) (15) Biopic, starring Jim Carrey. (S) **2.10** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

International Rugby Union, 7.30pm

7.00 Nature's Weirdest Events (S)(R) **7.30 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature** (S) **8.00 Deadly 60** (S)(R) **8.30 Show Me What You're Made Of** (S) **9.00 Saturday Mash-Up!** (S) **11.00 Natural World: Tiger Dynasty** (S)(R) **12.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends** (S)(R) **1.00 Italy Unpacked** (S)(R) **2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** (S) **4.30 Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.00 Live International Rugby Union** (S)

7.30 International Rugby Union England v Australia. (S)

8.30 Dad's Army Jones buys black-market pigeons. (S)(R)

9.00 My Country: A Work in Progress (S)
9.55 QI XL Extended edition of Sandi Toksvig's debut as host. (S)

10.40 David Gilmour: Live at Pompeii Highlights of the guitarist's solo concerts from July 2016. (S)

11.40 FILM Spike Island (2012) (15) Drama, starring Elliott Tittensor and Nico Mirallegro. (S)

1.20 FILM Badlands (1973) (15) Crime drama, starring Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek. (S) **2.50** This Is BBC Two (S) **4.30** Live Rugby League World Cup. The fourth quarter-final (kick-off 5.00am). (S)

ITV

Catchphrase, 6.15pm

11.20 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape (S)(R) **11.50 ITV News;** Weather (S) **11.55 The X Factor Live** (S)(R) **1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham** (S) **4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S)(R) **4.30 The Harbour** (S)(R) **5.00 The Cruise** (S)(R) **5.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.05 ITV News** (S) **6.15 Catchphrase** (S)(R) **6.50 New You've Been Framed!** (S)

7.15 Ninja Warrior UK The fourth heat of the obstacle-course challenge gets under way. (S)(R)

8.10 The X Factor Live The talent show enters its fourth weekend of live eliminations. (S)

9.40 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined by Peter Kay, Luke Evans and Sheridan Smith. Last in the series. (S)

10.40 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.55 FILM First Blood (1982) (15) Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone and Brian Dennehy. (S)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

First Humans: The Cave Discovery, 8pm

6.10 Triathlon: Challenge Aruba (S) **6.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.25 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **9.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.50 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.30 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (S)(R) **4.30 Best Laid Plans** A couple disagree over key design decisions while extending their villa in East Sussex. (S) **5.35 Grand Designs** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Volatile Earth: Killer Hurricanes A look at the impact of the Great Hurricane of 1780. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 First Humans: The Cave Discovery The discovery of remains from an unknown species of human ancestor. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Lucy (2014) (15) Sci-fi thriller, with Scarlett Johansson and Morgan Freeman. (S)

10.45 FILM R.I.P.D (2013) (12) A cop killed in the line of duty is recruited by a ghostly police force assigned to battle evil spirits. Fantasy adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds. (S)

12.35 The Simpsons (S)(R) **1.00** The Simpsons (S)(R) **1.25** The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.20 Hollyoaks** (S) **4.30** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.25 Draw It!** (S)(R) **5.50** Jamie's Comfort Food (S)(R)

Channel 5

Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away, 7pm

11.30 Access (S) **11.35 FILM Christmas Truce (2015) (PG)** (S) **1.20 FILM Deck the Halls (2006) (PG)** (S) **3.05 FILM A Belle for Christmas (2014) (PG)** (S) **4.05 5 News Update** (S) **4.10 FILM A Belle for Christmas (2014) (PG)** Concluded. (S) **5.00 FILM Christmas in Homestead (2016) (PG)** (S) **6.00 5 News Update** (S) **6.05 FILM Christmas in Homestead (2016) (PG)** Concluded. (S)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)
7.55 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)
9.55 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games. (S)

10.25 NCIS: New Orleans A private plane crashes in a bayou. (S)

11.20 NCIS: New Orleans A Navy Seal candidate is killed weeks before his graduation. (S)

12.15 SuperCasino (S) **3.10 FILM Haunting of Briar House (2015) (15)** Horror, starring Jodelle Ferland. (S) **4.40** Access (S) **4.55** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.50** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **12.15** Take Me Out **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.00** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. **3.50** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Concluded. **6.00** FILM: Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Nicholas Hoult. **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10** FILM: Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) (12) Concluded. **8.10** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) Concluded. **10.25** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **1.00** American Dad! **1.55** Release the Hounds **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **7.50** Heidi **9.50** Wycliffe **11.00** FILM: Columbo: The Conspirators (1978) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **1.00** Foyle's War **3.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** The Syndicate **12.15** Foyle's War **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Natural World **8.00** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **9.00** I Know Who You Are **12.15** The Vietnam War **1.15** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.50** Natural World **2.50** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.55** How I Met Your Mother **7.55** Made in Chelsea **9.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** FILM: The Dog Who Saved Christmas (2009) (PG) Festive comedy, starring Dean Cain. **1.50** Toy Story Toons: Small Fry **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Mechanic (2011) (15) Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. **10.50** Gogglebox **12.55** Naked Attraction **2.00** Rude Tube **3.25** Gogglebox **4.20** Rules of Engagement

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.25** Best Laid Plans **10.25** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **1.30** Location, Location, Location **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **7.55** The Year Britain Froze **9.00** The Queen's Wedding **10.05** Prince Philip: The Plot to Make a King **11.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Jubilee Special **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Song of the Sea (2014) (PG) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Lucy O'Connell. **1.00** Picture Perfect (1997) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. **3.05** Just Wright (2010) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Queen Latifah and Common. **5.05** Rio (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg. **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) (12) A vulcanologist suspects a long-dormant volcano is about to erupt and races to save a nearby town from destruction. Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton. **9.00** Darkman (1990) (18) A scientist is left disfigured by a criminal gang and seeks revenge on those responsible. Thriller, with Liam Neeson and Frances McDormand. **11.00** Aliens (1986) (18) Lone survivor Ripley joins a military expedition that encounters hordes of the creatures that wiped out her crew. Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver and Michael Biehn. **2.05** Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (2010) (15) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **9.00** Deadly 60 **11.00** Sin City Motors **12.00** Don't Say It, Bring It **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.00** Not Going Out: The Out-Takes **2.35** Not Going Out **3.10** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Boon **9.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Duchess of Duke Street **5.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **7.00** Sue Thomas: FBEye **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The White Princess **11.35** FILM: Lady Chatterley's Lover (2015) (15) DH Lawrence adaptation, starring Holliday Grainger. **1.35** Missing **2.55** Boon **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Wild Things **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** The Flash **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Pre-match build-up to Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur. **12.30** Futurama **2.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **6.00** Modern Family **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Living the Dream **10.00** Bounty Hunters **10.40** The Russell Howard Hour **11.40** A League of Their Own **12.40** Ross Kemp on Gangs **1.50** Arrow **2.50** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **3.45** PL Greatest Games **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) The true story of one of history's greatest dinosaur discoveries. **8.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **1.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **4.00** Making Attenborough's Galapagos **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.20** Babylon Berlin **2.20** Real Time with Bill Maher **4.05** Storm City

W SKY: 109

6.10 Helicopter Heroes **7.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Traffic Cops **3.00** Tipping Point **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Professor Brian Cox **9.00** FILM: Dark Shadows (2012) (12) Fantasy comedy, starring Johnny Depp. **11.20** David Beckham Into the Unknown **12.20** Wanted Down Under **1.20** The Strain **2.15** Life Is Toff **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 You, Me & Them **7.45** Bob Monkhouse: Million Joke Man **8.40** The Interviews **9.40** Only Fools and Horses **6.00** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **7.00** Blackadder the Third **11.00** The Fast Show **12.30** The Trip **1.10** Big Train **2.20** The Fast Show **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Live Test Cricket. India v Sri Lanka. **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Pre-match build-up to Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur. **12.30** Live Premier League. Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 12.30pm). **2.55** Live International Rugby Union. England v Australia (kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Live International Rugby Union. Ireland v Fiji (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live La Liga Football. Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.45** Live Grand Slam of Darts. Day eight at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. **11.00** Sky Sports News **4.00** Live Test Cricket. India v Sri Lanka.

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DAYTIME

BBC1

Blue Planet II, 8pm

10.00 BBC Newsroom Live (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **1.45 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **2.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **3.35 Children in Need: The Best Bits** (S) **4.50 Blue Planet** ■ (S)(R) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** (S)

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7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show. (S)

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8.00 Blue Planet ■ Wildlife that live thousands of kilometres from land. (S)

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9.00 Howards End A death is followed by an unusual final request. (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Highlights of Watford v West Ham United. (S)

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11.15 Ronny Chieng: International Student (S)
11.45 Michael McIntyre's Big Show The comedian's entertainment show returns. (S)(R)

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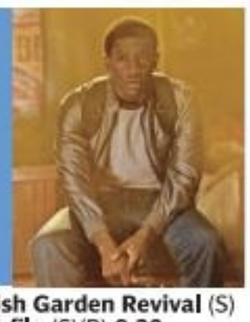
12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2


Snowfall, 10pm

7.30 Great British Garden Revival (S)(R) **8.35 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.00 Food & Drink** (S)(R) **11.30 My Life on a Plate** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 International Rugby Union** (S)(R) **2.00 Rugby League World Cup** (S) **3.30 Wild Brazil** (S)(R) **4.30 Coast** (S)(R) **5.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals** The final of the singles competition. (S)

9.00 Britain's Cycling Superheroes: The Price of Success The controversy surrounding Britain's international cyclists. (S)

10.00 Snowfall Franklin must make a dangerous choice. (S)
10.40 Mock the Week Best bits and unseen material from the series. (S)(R)

11.10 FILM The Lighthouse (2016) (15) Premiere. Fact-based thriller, starring Mark Lewis Jones and Michael Jibson. (S)

12.50 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **1.50** Holby City (S)(R) **2.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Chase: Celebrity Special, 6.30pm

9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.05 FILM Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG)** (S) **12.55 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.05 The X Factor Live** (S)(R) **2.35 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **4.30 Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song** (S)(R) **6.05 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special** (S)

7.30 The X Factor Live The fourth weekend of live shows concludes. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! New series. Celebrity survival challenge. (S)

10.45 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.05 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)

12.00 Gone to Pot: American Road Trip (S)(R) **12.50** Jackpot247 **3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Messages Home: Lost Films of the British Army, 7pm

6.00 Kevin Can Wait (S) **7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie's Quick & Easy Food** (S)(R) **1.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG)** Family comedy, starring Jim Carrey. (S) **4.50 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.20 FILM Men in Black** ■ **(2002) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. (S)

7.00 Messages Home: Lost Films of the British Army Documentary about filmed messages from British soldiers in the Second World War. (S)(R)

8.00 Guy Martin's WWI Tank The presenter builds a working replica of a First World War tank. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox The households' opinions on recent TV. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM Atonement (2007) (15) Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy. (S)

1.15 The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds (S)(R) **2.10** The Supervet (S)(R) **3.05** Grand Designs Australia (S)(R) **4.00** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.25** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **4.55** Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) **5.20** Jamie's Comfort Food (S)(R) **5.35** Countdown (S)(R)

Channel 5

Happy 90th: Ken Dodd In His Own Words, 9pm

12.40 FILM Chasing Christmas (2005) (PG) (S) **2.20 FILM Santa Who? (2000) (U)** (S) **3.25 5 News Update** (S) **3.30 FILM Santa Who? (2000) (U)** Concluded. (S) **4.10 FILM Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) (12)** (S) **5.10 5 News Update** (S) **5.15 FILM Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) (12)** Concluded. (S)

7.00 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud Festive-themed videos that have taken the internet by storm. (S)(R)

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights Highlights from the eighth round of matches. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Happy 90th: Ken Dodd In His Own Words Profile of the comedian. (S)(R)

11.05 Happy 90th: Another Audience with Ken Dodd The frantic funnyman returns. (S)(R)

12.20 Britain's Best Double Acts (S)(R) **1.15** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (S)(R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (S)(R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.15** The Cube **7.05** Coronation Street **10.00** 2Awesome: LA Story **10.30** 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **10.55** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.30** The X Factor Live **1.00** Take Me Out **2.15** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Animals **3.15** FILM: Happy Feet Two (2011) (U) Animated musical comedy sequel, with the voice of Elijah Wood. **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: Happy Feet Two (2011) (U) Concluded. **5.20** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Concluded. **7.10** FILM: Inception (2010) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** FILM: Inception (2010) (12) Concluded. **10.15** Family Guy **10.45** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.45** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.45** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.10** Heartbeat **10.15** Murder, She Wrote **1.20** FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Albert Finney. **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** FILM: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) (PG) Concluded. **3.55** FILM: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder (1978) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **6.00** Wycliffe **7.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** The Syndicate **10.10** FILM: The Theory of Everything (2014) (12) Biopic of Stephen Hawking, starring Eddie Redmayne. **11.15** FYI Daily **11.20** FILM: The Theory of Everything (2014) (12) Concluded. **12.35** The Knock **2.35** Mr Selfridge **3.25** Wycliffe **5.10** Judge Judy **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Stunning Soloists at the BBC **9.00** Shark **10.00** Country Music Awards 2017: Highlights **11.00** Rich Hall's Countrier Than You **12.30** Country at the BBC **1.30** Stunning Soloists at the BBC **2.30** Shark **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) (U) Comedy, starring Zachary Levi. **2.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco. **10.05** Naked Attraction **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Gogglebox **1.05** First Dates **2.10** Rude Tube **3.30** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 The Secret Life of the Zoo **10.00** Walks with My Dog **11.00** Vet on the Hill **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.45** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** 999: On the Frontline **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E **10.05** 999: What's Your Emergency? **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Justin Chatwin. **1.00** Thunderbirds (2004) (PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **2.50** When Marnie Was There (2014) (U) Animated drama, with the voice of Hailee Steinfeld. **4.55** Letters to Juliet (2010) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Amanda Seyfried. **7.00** The Cold Light of Day (2012) (15) Thriller, starring Henry Cavill. **9.00** Exodus: Gods and Kings (2014) (12) Biblical epic, starring Christian Bale. **11.55** Legion (2010) (15) Action fantasy, starring Paul Bettany. **1.55** Lovelace (2013) (18) Biopic of adult film star Linda Lovelace, starring Amanda Seyfried. **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Don't Say It, Bring It **7.35** Top Gear: Burma Special **10.05** Red Bull Soapbox Race **11.05** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **1.10** Would I Lie to You? **2.30** Not Going Out **4.20** Top Gear: Burma Special **7.00** James May's Cars of the People **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** The Last Man on Earth **12.00** Live at the Apollo **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.00** Taskmaster **2.50** Suits **3.40** The Indestructibles **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **11.00** New Tricks **12.00** Murdoch Mysteries **1.00** Dickensian **4.00** The White Princess **6.40** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.15** Taggart **2.10** Missing **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** The Simpsons **11.00** WWE Raw Hlts **12.00** Supergirl **1.00** The Flash **2.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Marvel's Inhumans **9.00** Strike Back **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **1.00** The Russell Howard Hour **2.00** Marvel's Inhumans **3.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Regarding Susan Sontag **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Babylon Berlin **11.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.45** Blue Bloods **1.40** Vice Principals **2.15** Room 104 **2.50** The Wire **4.05** Storm City

W SKY: 109

6.05 Judge Faith **6.25** Helicopter Heroes **7.25** Inside the Ambulance **12.30** Outnumbered **2.35** Doctor Who **7.00** The Secrets in My Family **8.00** Dr Christian Will See You Now **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Professor Brian Cox **10.00** The Mekong River with Sue Perkins **11.00** Inside the Ambulance **12.00** Wanted Down Under **1.50** The Strain **2.35** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.25 You, Me & Them **8.00** Les Dawson: The Interviews **9.00** As Time Goes By **11.00** Only Fools and Horses **6.00** The Story of Only Fools and Horses **7.00** Blackadder Goes Forth **11.00** Little Britain **12.10** Live at the Apollo **1.10** Bridget & Eamon **2.40** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Little Britain **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Live Test Cricket. India v Sri Lanka. **7.30** Live European Tour Golf. The DP World Tour Championship. **12.30** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Live EFL. Leeds United v Middlesbrough (kick-off 1.15pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Watford v West Ham United (kick-off 4.00pm). **6.30** Live Grand Slam of Darts. The final at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. **9.00** Live NFL. A match from the NFL season. **1.00** Live NFL. Dallas Cowboys v Philadelphia Eagles (kick-off 1.30am). **4.30** Live Test Cricket. India v Sri Lanka.

Monday November 20th

BBC1

EastEnders, 8pm

DAYTIME 11.00 **The Housing Enforcers** (S)(R) **11.45 The Sheriffs Are Coming** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Armchair Detectives** (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Royal Recipes** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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- **7.00 The One Show** (S)
- **7.30 Fake Britain** Investigating counterfeit memory cards that put photographs at risk; (S) BBC News; Regional News

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- **8.00 EastEnders** Whitney is startled by a surprise visit. (S)
- **8.30 Would I Lie to You?** New series. With David Baddiel, Ed Balls, Jo Brand and Kimberly Wyatt. (S)

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- **9.00 Elizabeth & Philip: Love and Duty** A celebration of the Queen and Prince Philip's 70th wedding anniversary. (S)

10
- **10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S)
- **10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)
- **10.45 Stalkers** The work of a charity fighting to protect victims of stalking. (S)

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- **11.45 The Apprentice** Candidates have to create advertising campaigns for a new car. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Nigella: At My Table, 8.30pm

9.00 Victoria Derbyshire (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 The Link** (S)(R) **1.45 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip** (S)(R) **2.15 Going Back, Giving Back** (S)(R) **3.00 WPC 56** (S)(R) **3.45 Oxford Street Revealed** (S)(R) **4.15 Wartime Farm** (S)(R) **5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (S)

- **7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** With Anthea Turner and Andi Peters. (S)
- **8.00 University Challenge** The second round continues. (S)
- **8.30 Nigella: At My Table** Featuring a breakfast of fried bread and tomato hash. (S)
- **9.00 Labour – The Summer That Changed Everything** A tumultuous six months in the life of the Labour party. (S)
- **10.00 Insert Name Here** New series. With Nish Kumar, Kate Williams, Katherine Ryan and Gabby Logan. (S)
- **10.30 Newsnight** (S)
- **11.10 Weather** (S)
- **11.15 Exodus: Our Journey Continues** Nazifa and her family make a final attempt to reach Germany. Last in the series. (S)(R)

12.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.10** Blue Planet II (S)(R) **2.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Coronation Street, 7.30pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.00 Tenable** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)

- **7.00 Emmerdale** Aaron heads to the Dingles to confront Lachlan. (S)
- **7.30 Coronation Street** Sinead jumps at the chance to let her hair down. (S)
- **8.00 The Harbour** The summer season ends on a high. Last in the series. (S)
- **8.30 Coronation Street** (S)
- **9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** The contestants await the first Bushtucker Trial. (S)
- **10.30 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **11.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)
- **11.15 Serial Killer with Piers Morgan** The broadcaster meets Florida murderer Mark Riebe. (S)(R)

12.15 Gone to Pot: American Road Trip (S)(R) **1.05** Jackpot247 **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

First Dates, 10pm

9.05 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Hotel Hell** (S)(R) **11.00 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **4.00 Coast vs Country** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S) **5.30 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)
- **8.00 How to Avoid the Dementia Tax: Channel 4 Dispatches** (S)
- **8.30 Tricks of the Restaurant Trade** (S)
- **9.00 999: What's Your Emergency?** Call handlers dealing with people who have severe mental health issues. (S)
- **10.00 First Dates** A student has her first-ever date. (S)
- **11.05 Naked Attraction** Dating show, hosted by Anna Richardson. (S)(R)

12.05 A Very British Brothel (S)(R) **1.05** One Born Every Minute (S)(R) **2.00 FILM I Wish (2011) (PG)** Premiere. Drama, starring Koki Maeda. **4.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.10** Draw It! (S)(R) **5.35** Countdown (S)(R)

Channel 5

Sinkholes: Buried Underground, 8pm

11.15 GPs Behind Closed Doors: Best of Patient Files 2 (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.20 NCIS: New Orleans** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Nanny for Christmas (2010) (PG)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

- **7.00 FIA World Rally Championship Highlights** The Rally Australia. Last in the series; (S) 5 News Update (S)
- **8.00 Sinkholes: Buried Underground** New series. Documentary examining the underlying forces behind sinkholes; (S) 5 News Update (S)
- **9.00 Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys** Chris explores five countries that were part of Yugoslavia. (S)
- **10.00 Secrets of the Tube: Going Underground** Rob Bell examines the history of the Central Line. (S)(R)
- **11.05 Super Scary Plane Landings** Caribbean islands that are home to some of the world's most difficult runways. (S)(R)

12.05 Aircrash: Disaster Over New York (S)(R) **1.00** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (S)(R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (S) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.30** Dinner Date **7.20** Emmerdale **7.45** Coronation Street **8.45** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **9.35** Dinner Date **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **12.15** Emmerdale **12.45** Coronation Street **1.45** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show **5.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **7.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Family Guy **9.30** Ghosted **10.00** American Dad! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.30** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.00** Celebrity Juice **1.45** Scorpion **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Classic Coronation Street **6.55** Heartbeat **7.55** Wild at Heart **8.55** Judge Judy **10.20** A Touch of Frost **12.35** Wild at Heart **1.35** Heartbeat **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.45** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour **11.05** Blue Murder **12.35** A Touch of Frost **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Beyond 100 Days **7.00** Weather **7.30** Great Continental Railway Journeys **8.00** Building the Ancient City **9.00** Timeshift: Sailors, Ships and Stevedores: The Story of British Docks **10.00** Storyville: My Mother's Lost Children **11.30** Last Journey of the Magna Carta King **12.30** Swim the Channel **1.30** Keys to the Castle **2.30** Building the Ancient City **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **7.00** Charmed **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Black-ish **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** New Girl **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** New Girl **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** First Dates Abroad **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Made in Chelsea **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube **1.10** Gogglebox **2.10** Made in Chelsea **3.05** First Dates **4.00** Black-ish **4.45** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **10.00** Four in a Bed **12.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.50** Come Dine with Me **3.50** Time Team **5.55** The Secret Life of the Zoo **6.55** The Supervet **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Vet on the Hill **10.00** The Supervet **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** Vet on the Hill **2.05** The Supervet **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Decision at Sundown (1957) (U) **12.35** The Tall T (1957) (PG) **2.15** Flying Tigers (1942) (PG) **4.20** The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) (PG) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller remake, with James Stewart and Doris Day. **6.45** The Land Girls (1997) (12) **9.00** Ender's Game (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Asa Butterfield. **11.15** The Darkest Universe (2016) (15) Premiere. Mystery, starring Will Sharpe. **1.05** The Five-Year Engagement (2012) (15) **3.35** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Don't Say It, Bring It **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Sin City Motors **4.00** Ice Road Truckers **5.00** Timber Kings **6.00** Top Gear **7.00** Don't Say It, Bring It **8.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Zapped **11.20** Room 101 **12.40** Mock the Week **1.20** QI **2.00** QI XL **3.00** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Dickensian **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** A Fine Romance **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **6.00** A Fine Romance **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** Ashes to Ashes **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** London's Burning **2.00** In Deep **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Animal 999 **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **8.30** Send in the Dogs Australia **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** Monkey Life **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** Bounty Hunters **10.35** Sick Note **11.05** The Simpsons **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** The Force: North East **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

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6.10 Wanted Down Under **8.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** One Born Every Minute **8.00** Inside the Ambulance **9.00** The Secrets in My Family **10.00** Absolutely Fabulous **10.40** EastEnders **11.20** One Born Every Minute **12.20** Wanted Down Under **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 You, Me & Them **7.45** Yes, Prime Minister **8.20** The Brittas Empire **9.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.40** Sorry! **10.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.20** As Time Goes By **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.20** The Brittas Empire **3.00** The Good Life **3.40** Porridge **4.20** Last of the Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Porridge **7.40** The Good Life **8.20** Not Going Out **9.00** Two Doors Down **10.20** The Rebel **11.00** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **12.00** Absolutely Fabulous **1.20** Big School **2.00** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow **2.55** Bob Monkhouse: On the Spot **3.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

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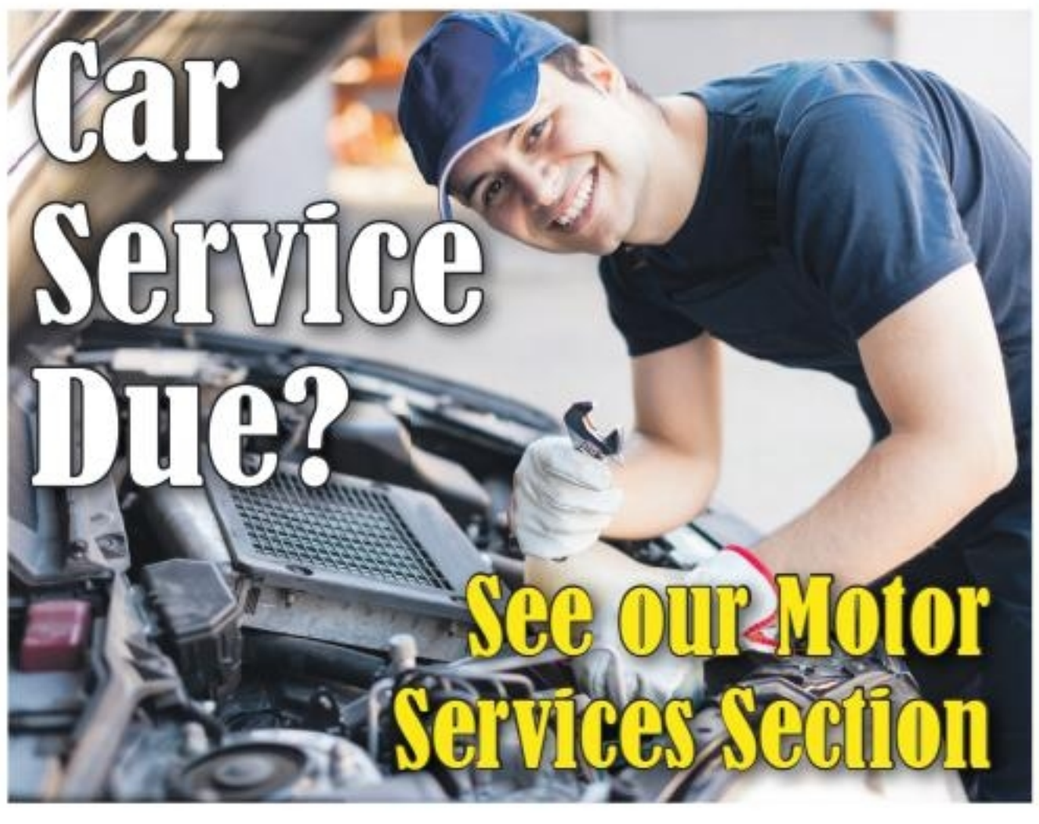

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Christmas Tree Waffles

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients

2 cups waffle mix
1 1/3 cups milk
1 egg
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
15 drops McCormick Green Food Color
Confectioners' sugar
Mini candy-coated chocolate pieces

Method

Preheat round waffle iron. Spray with no stick cooking spray. Mix waffle mix, milk, egg, vegetable oil, vanilla and food coloring until blended.

Pour about 1/3 cup of batter onto center of hot waffle iron. Close lid. Cook about 5 minutes or until no longer steaming. Carefully remove waffle. Repeat with remaining batter.

Break each waffle into 4 triangles. Layer 3 triangles on a serving plate to resemble a Christmas tree. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Use candy-coated pieces to decorate tree as ornaments.

Overnight Cinnamon Roll Casserole

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 12

Ingredients

12 eggs
1 1/2 cups plus 3 tablespoons milk, divided
2 tablespoons McCormick Ground Cinnamon, divided
5 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract, divided
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 loaf challah or brioche bread, cubed
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup whipped cream cheese
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Method

Mix eggs, 1 1/2 cups of milk, 1 tablespoon of cinnamon, 3 teaspoons of vanilla and baking powder in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add bread cubes; toss to coat well. Pour into 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with no stick cooking spray. Cover. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350∞F. Remove casserole from refrigerator. Mix melted butter, brown sugar and remaining 1 tablespoon cinnamon in small bowl until well blended. Drizzle over casserole. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Meanwhile, mix cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and remaining 2 teaspoons vanilla in small bowl until smooth. Slowly stir in remaining 3 tablespoons milk. Drizzle over casserole before serving.

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New and returning visitors can expect to see the trail take a different path, allowing them to discover and interact with the festive scenes and seasonal experiences in a new way.

The trail once more winds along the Great Lake, which will have four different scenes of floating brilliance

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The iconic lake will also feature a giant Ducal crown, based on the Duke of Marlborough's own formal crown. The magnificently lit crown will tower above the audience with a 20m fountain erupting from its centre.

Once more the rushing cascades will be transformed into a festive wonder, this time the giant waterfall will be covered in flames!

Enchanting for all, the creative take on Santa's toy workshop will feature the Palace's lakeside boathouse become a hive of activity. A small pause along the path with allow visitors to hear the sounds of elves busying away making toys for Santa to deliver on his sleigh on Christmas Eve.

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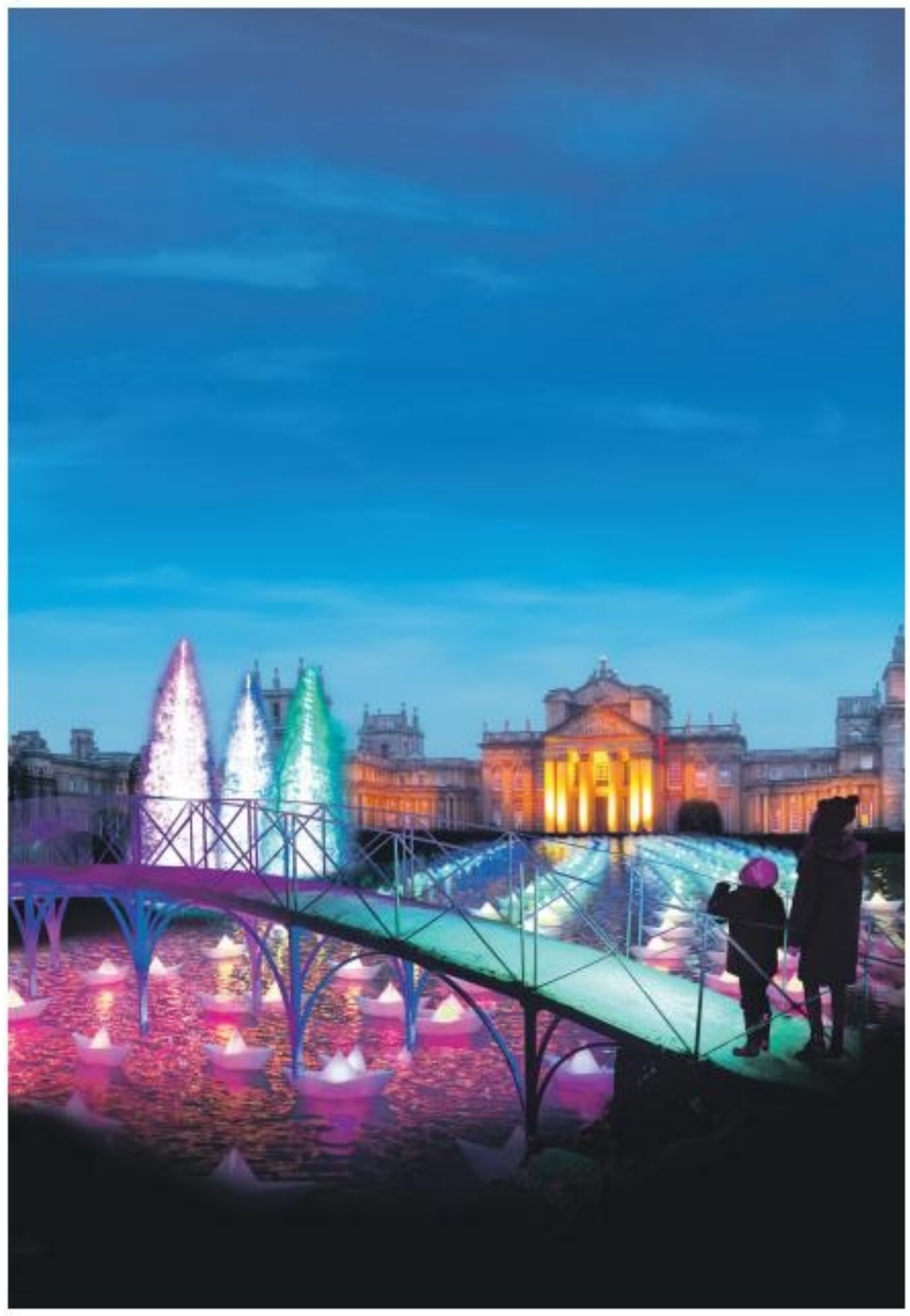

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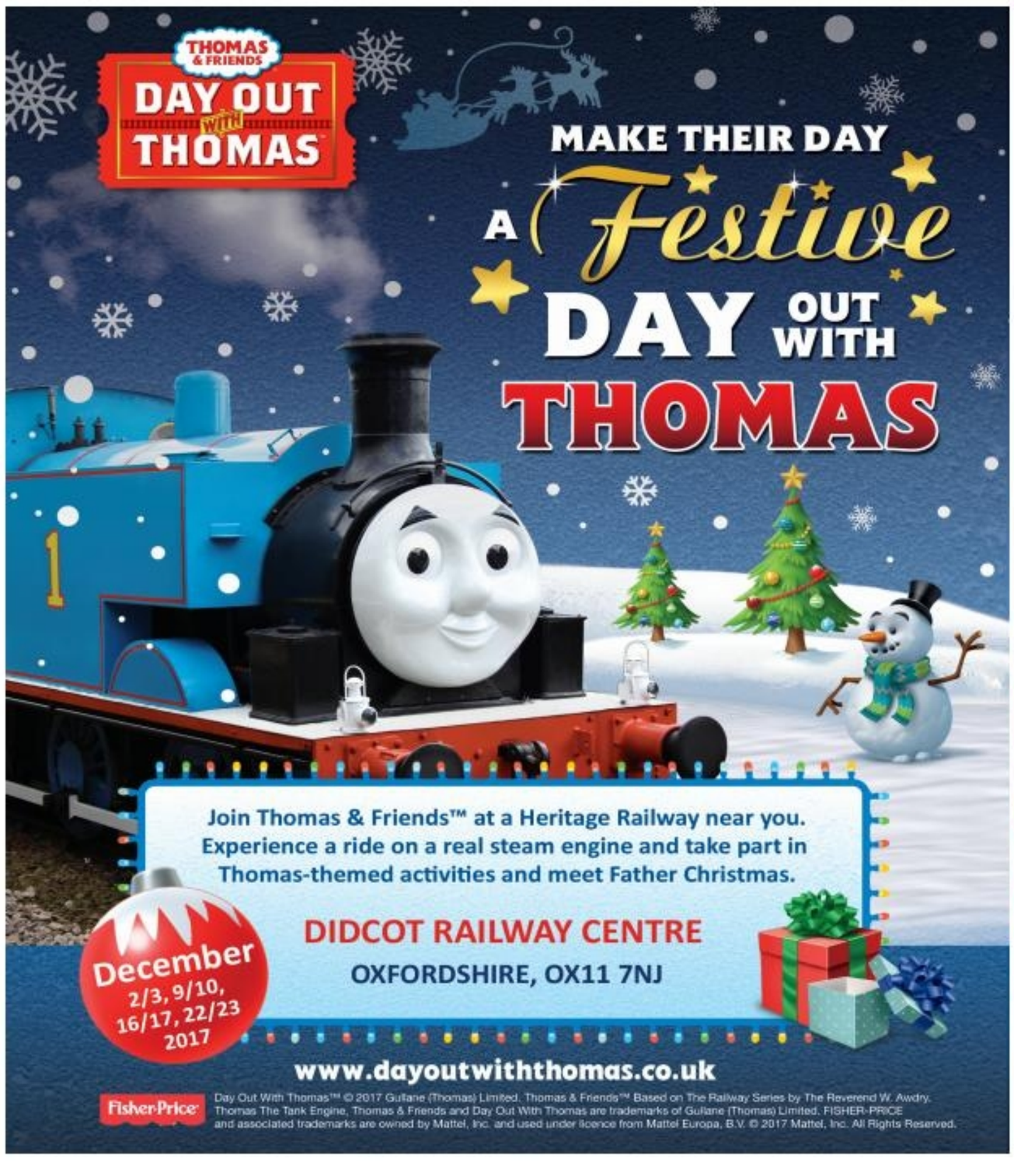
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Peugeot 5008 Allure SUV - PureTech 130 s/s

An SUV that pushes the envelope

By **Tony Yates**

THIS month's road test puts me in the driving seat of the Peugeot 5008 Allure. First off, the 5008 is a great looking SUV with some wonderful swooping lines flanking its sides.

This, of course, takes me back to when designers actually tried to make a car look different – and judging by the look at the front of the 5008 – they seem to have managed to push the envelope that little bit more – while still designing a pretty sweet looking SUV.

Of course, it's all designed on super-computers now, but, judging by what I have seen so far, I think they might have just made the 5008 pretty much perfect in that department. There is, however, a fly in the ointment. There are so many SUV's on the market now that it's becoming almost impossible to decide on what's hot and what's not. You could, of course, ask me, but I will just tell you to buy with your heart. But, if you are struggling, then remember the 5008 also comes with seven independent seats, which is something you can't ignore.

Power & efficiency

The 5008 I had on test was powered by a turbocharged 1199cc, 3 cylinder petrol engine that has 131BHP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 117mph, plus a 0-62 time of 10.4 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of around 54.3 mpg.

A big plus point for this car though is its 230Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant EAT6 (Efficient Automatic Transmission) 6-speed gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss. Then there are the brakes, which feel good and firm and will stop you as good as the best of the best.

On the road

First off – great chassis, along with a suspension set up that you know has taken Peugeot many hours of testing to get right. The steering is also direct and the grip levels are good, which means the 5008 feels tight and taught into the corners. I'm going to say that Peugeot has done a pretty good job of getting the whole package to work together and I have no issues in saying that it performs well out on the open road for an SUV.

Choose an SUV with your heart but bear in mind this one has seven seats

Interior & technology

The interior is of a good standard – with lots of chrome fittings and clear displays. Along with a decent amount of standard equipment such as; ABS/REF/AFU, driver & front passenger front and side airbags, including front and rear curtain airbags. MP3 connection, six-speaker radio, LED daytime running lights, air conditioning, steering wheel-mounted audio control and parking sensors front & rear.

Additionally, on the inside, you also get a good amount of media equipment to keep you happy like; connected 3D navigation, plus the brilliant new Peugeot i-Cockpit. This is a configurable 12.3" head-up digital instrument panel, 8" capacitive touchscreen and a compact multi-function steering wheel. Peugeot really has upped the specification of the 5008 and what I have shown you here today is just a small amount of what you can expect to find once you start exploring.

To sum up

I'm going to give the 5008 four stars in this test, not only because I like its looks, but because I believe it's a good family SUV with bags of extras and a decent engine that's tied to a pretty good chassis.

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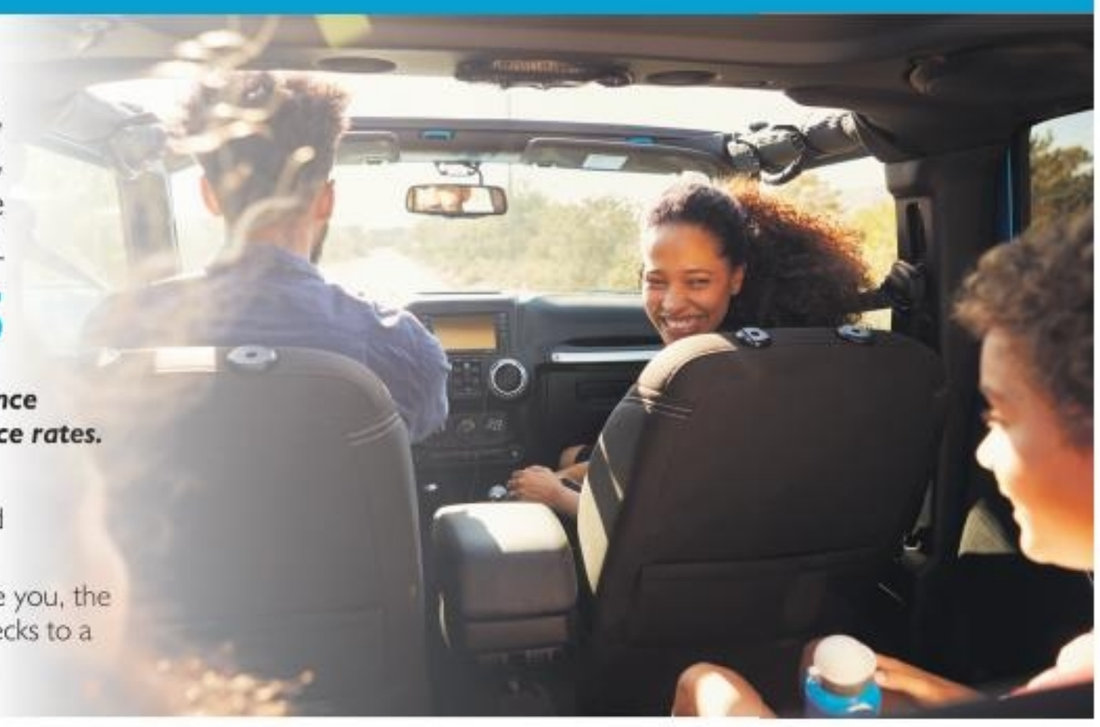

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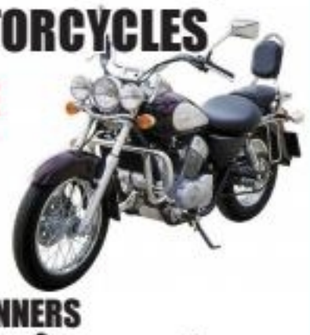

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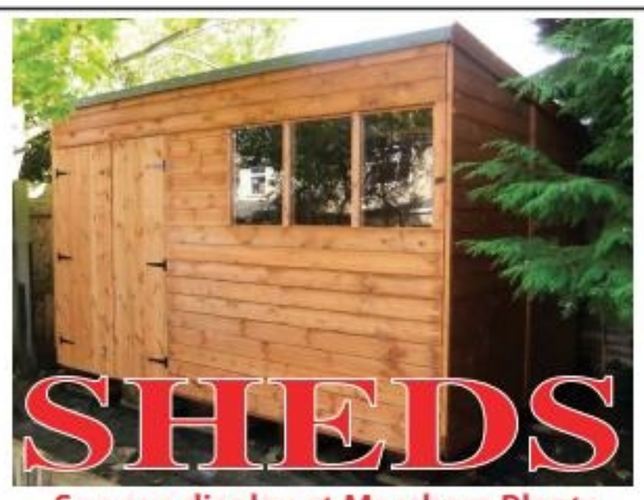

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Emotional farewell in home race

By George Welch

F1 - Williams

AN emotional Felipe Massa hailed the 'perfect' race after finishing a strong seventh in his final home race in Brazil.

The Williams driver enjoyed a race-long battle with former Ferrari team-mate Fernando Alonso and held off the Spaniard to finish less than half a second ahead.

The Brazilian, who went on the podium to take in the adulation of his home fans, said: "It's such an amazing result and such an amazing feeling to pass through all of this in my career.

"The race today was perfect, from beginning to end. An amazing start, overtaking a few cars, then an amazing restart after the safety car, passing Alonso.

"I'm so happy and emotional about my race today. I finish with my head held high, that's the most important thing, in this place which is amazing for me. The only thing I can say is obrigado, I will miss all of you guys."

Felipe Massa on the podium after the race with his son Felipinho
Picture: *Williams Martini Racing*

A year ago Massa had received an emotional send off after announcing his initial retirement. After crashing late on in pouring rain, he walked down the pitlane in tears, draped in the Brazilian flag.

But this year was different as he, his team and adoring fans enjoyed a race to remember.

Williams chief technical officer Paddy Lowe added: "[This] was Felipe's day and the team are extremely happy that we were able to provide him with the material and support to deliver such a perfect result at his final race in Brazil."

Meanwhile, it was not Lance Stroll's finest weekend for the Grove-based team.

The teenager, slapped with a five-place penalty after a gearbox change after P3, toiled behind Romain Grosjean's Haas and was eventually the last-placed car after his tyre disintegrated towards the end of the race.

A disappointed Stroll said: "Everything has been bad this weekend. It was very hard for me.

"I stalled at the start and just couldn't compete. I had a flat spot and I knew there was going to be a problem.

"All in all, it has been a tough weekend and now I am just looking forward to Abu Dhabi [November 26]."

'Shame we couldn't do more'

F1 - Haas/Renault

NICO Hulkenberg returned to the points for the first time since Belgium, but the Renault driver may have expected more from a decent opportunity.

The German started in seventh after an impressive qualifying campaign, but lost places at the start and lacked the pace to trouble those ahead of him.

The Enstone-based side closed the gap on sixth-placed Torro Rosso, who endured another pointless weekend, but only by a solitary point as Carlos Sainz crossed the line in 11th.

Hulkenberg said: "It's good to get my first point since Spa, although it was pretty much an uneventful race.

"We lost places at the start and with Hamilton and Ricciardo coming through it was a tough ask to move up the order.

"I was pushing flat out, so it's a shame we couldn't do more. My focus is now on a final flourish in Abu Dhabi."

Haas are only a place and two points behind Renault heading into the final weekend in the UAE but remain off the pace and are bowing out of 2017 with a whimper.

The Banbury outfit stomached their eighth pointless weekend of the season after Kevin Magnussen crashed out on the first corner and Romain Grosjean was punished with a 10-second penalty for causing a first-lap collision.

Nico Hulkenberg picked up a point for Renault for the first time since Belgium, seven races ago
Picture: *Renault Sport Formula One Team*

Speaking of the frustrating weekend, team principal Guenther Steiner, who disagreed with Grosjean's penalty, said: "It was a disappointing result.

"At the beginning, our cars and drivers were motivated enough to do better than this, but it all went down on lap one."

Strong finish to season for Smith, now bring on 2018

MotoGP

BRADLEY Smith ended the MotoGP season on a high by finishing 11th in Valencia.

The Forest Hill rider collected five points on Sunday to end the 2017 campaign with three successive point-scoring rides for the Red Bull KTM Factory Racing team.

Team-mates Pol Espargaro and Mika Kallio took tumbles but the curtain came down on a positive first campaign for the MotoGP debutants.

Smith's points haul secured fifth in the constructors' championship for KTM, five points ahead of Aprilia.

The 26-year-old, whose best finish for the season was 10th place in Misano and Australia, said: "The race was good as I hit my marks all I could and hold a mid-32 lap time, then it was a case of survival as the tyres went away with others losing the front.

"Another very close top-10 finish keeps our top-11 every race since Brno [August 5, nine races ago] so roll on the work for the tests prior to the break – 2018 is not far away!"

Smith finished 21st in the final drivers' standings with 29 points, while KTM finished fifth in the constructors championship.

Team manager Mike Leitner said: "We are all proud of this first KTM MotoGP season, especially the second part of the year.

"I must say thanks to all the effort from so many individuals, especially the riders who've pushed hard but today it was Bradley who scored the points to get us fifth in the manufacturers' championship."

Marc Marquez sealed his fourth world title after finishing third in the Valencia race, which was won by Dani Pedrosa.

Eddie Pepperell has turned his fortunes around this year to earn himself a place in Dubai

Eddie caps off a good year at season finale

Golf

WHAT a 12 months it has been for Eddie Pepperell, who has gone from fighting to rescue his tour card at Q-School this time last year to competing in this week's European finale.

The Abingdon golfer is the only one to make it from the bottom rung of the European Tour ladder to the top as he tees off at the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai today (Thursday).

Pepperell has been in top form recently and warmed up for the season's climax with a mid-pack finish at the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa.

The Frilford Heath member picked up another big cash prize as he finished joint 34th at two-over par in Sun City.

The 26-year-old, who had secured seven top-10 finishes in his previous eight events, collected just short of €50,000 in prize money.

Pepperell carded two-over par in the first two rounds to sit four-over par and tied 43rd at the midway point.

He nearly put himself in with a shout of a top-20 finish with a weekend's best of three-under par on Saturday.

That elevated him up the leaderboard but he was unable to build on this on Sunday and finished the tournament two-over par for a share of 34th.

Pepperell tees off in Dubai today at 5.35am (GMT) against fellow Englishman Callum Shinkwin.

A belting performance

Karate

A KARATE federation that trains dozens of students in the ancient martial art across the Vale is encouraging more to take part after several members achieved a black belt ranking.

Black and brown belts from the club attended a course given by senior instructor John Parnell, a world champion and a sixth degree black belt, on Saturday.

After the course a grading was held for select members, consisting of all aspects of traditional karate to put those who took part through a gruelling time.

Among those who were successful were Beau, 10, and Ahmad, 60.

Chief instructor Dave Paine said: "It is great for the club that so much hard work and dedication has paid off for our students.

"I strongly believe that anybody can achieve their black belt, though to do so requires huge commitment – it is not easy."

To try karate call Dave on 07963 579736 or visit the club web site at www.valekarate.uk.

Sport

Cup heroics spur City to their first league win in 12 games

By George Welch

Oxford City

BUOYED by their FA Cup giant-killing of Colchester United, Oxford City picked up their first league win since mid-August with a fantastic 2-1 victory at second-placed Chelmsford City.

A goal in each half from David Pearce and Godfrey Poku helped Mark Jones's side, struggling in the National League relegation zone, to their first three-point haul in 12 games.

Pearce finished off a brilliant move from the Hoops, tucking a superb ball from Matt Paterson into the bottom corner.

Poku – tasked with shielding the City defence – doubled the lead as he finished off a devastating break into the roof of the net.

Max Porter pulled a goal back for Chelmsford with 25 minutes left on the clock and City had to be at their defensive best to survive a Clarets onslaught in the dying stages.

City assistant manager Joe Deeney was full of praise for his players following the much-needed win.

He said: "The lads showed fantastic courage, great resilience, which I think we've lacked in the early stages of the season, and we really had to dig deep towards the end.

"The lads are elated, it was a real team effort and it took togetherness and determination to come here and get a much needed three points at a team you'd expect to be up there toward the end of the season.

"I couldn't have asked anything more from the players."

Jones' right hand man added: "The pleasing thing for me is that we haven't been complacent. We've done great, the players worked tirelessly for each other and they're over the moon."

Oxford's FA Cup second round tie at Notts County on December 2 will be shown live on BT Sport.

Kick off has been moved to 12.30pm and the club will receive £72,000 as a result of the television deal.

In the FA Trophy, City have been drawn a third qualifying round tie against Hereford at Marsh Lane, scheduled for November 25.

Traffic trouble leaves Banbury in limbo in Trophy

Banbury United

TROUBLE on the M1 led to Banbury United's FA Trophy replay at home to Farnborough being postponed after visiting players got stuck in traffic.

A number of vehicles were delayed and still missing at Tuesday's scheduled 7.45pm kick-off time.

The second qualifying round replay was called off at 8.40pm when there was still no sign of the missing travelling players.

The Puritans said they are awaiting a decision over when or even if the match would be replayed from the FA.

Farnborough, who said a road closure "left the matter out of our hands", apologised and have offered refunds to the travelling supporters.

United were set to welcome the Hampshire side to the Banbury Community Plant Stadium after a pulsating 3-3 draw on Saturday.

Farnborough drew first blood via a Perry Coles strike midway through the first half, and that's the way it stayed until the second half.

Luke Carnell and Conor McDonagh headers flipped the game around to make it 2-1 to the visitors on 60 minutes.

But seconds later it was 2-2 when Nic Ciardini's low shot from a narrow angle found its way past Jack Harding in the Banbury goal.

Mike Ford's side regained the lead in an entertaining second half, with McDonagh again heading home on 68 minutes.

Boro pushed forward in search of an equaliser, which came in the 78th minute through Coles' second of the afternoon.

The winners will host Hartley Wintney on November 25.

Defeat sends Brookes out of National Trophy

Basketball

OXFORD Brookes University crashed out of the National Trophy after a narrow 95-87 third round defeat at home to East London All Stars.

A fast start saw the Headington side take an early lead, which was maintained over the first quarter.

By the second half the visitors from the capital had hit back to take a healthy 10-point lead thanks to some sharp shooting.

Brookes re-grouped well after the break and mounted a comeback, leaving All Stars with a single point 68-67 difference.

Both teams traded baskets in the final quarter until a controversial call from the referee threw Oxford's top scorer Monticelli from the arena.

At that point the London side had a 76-73 lead with just less than seven minutes to be played.

This was enough time for the All Stars who, with the extra man, went 90-78 up two minutes later before securing their passage into the next round with a 95-87 win.

Elsewhere, a newly-launched under 14 girls basketball league tipped off at Didcot Girls School on Saturday. The One Team Oxford side – consisting of players from the now-merged South Oxfordshire Heat and Oxford Hoops basketball clubs – performed well in their first competitive outing. They are third in a four-team table after beating Bucks Hornets 19-16 but losing to Reading Rockets and Winchester Royals.

Oxford University Brookes attack the East London All Stars

Stars rise from behind to steal points against Phoenix

Ice hockey

A DRAMATIC Kamil Kinkor overtime winner against Guildford Phoenix extended Oxford City Stars' winning run to an impressive seven games.

The Stars were in unfamiliar territory on Sunday when they were 2-0 down and chasing the game with 12 minutes remaining due to first and middle period Guildford strikes.

Jake Florey pulled a goal back on 48 minutes before a Mike Whillock goal with 11 seconds remaining sent the home fans wild.

That forced overtime, in which the first to score is the winner, and Oxford, who had spent most of the game behind, completed their comeback within 30 seconds.

Kinkor struck the all-important blow to send Oxpens Road crazy with the memorable 3-2 win.

The Stars had an easier ride the previous day when hat-trick hero Josh Oliver was the star of an 11-2 win at Haringey Huskies.

Josh Florey and Dax Hedges netted braces while Conor Redmond, Kinkor, Alex Staples and Will Harrison added the extras.

Oxford, who scored six of the 11 goals in the final period, travel to Slough Jets (ninth) on Saturday.

They remain top of the NIHL2 South (Wilkinson) division, having only suffered one defeat this season.

Dax Hedges and Kamil Kinkor celebrate Kinkor's overtime winner

Vanarama National League South
Saturday 11 November
Chelmsford City 1-2 **Oxford City**

Evo-Stik South Premier
Tuesday 14 November
Redditch United p-p **Banbury United**

Evo-Stik South East
Tuesday 14 November
Barton Rovers 1-1 **Thame United**

Evo-Stik South West
Saturday 11 November
Barnstaple Town p-p **North Leigh**
Bristol Manor Farm 3-3 **Didcot Town**
Tuesday 14 November
Cirencester p-p **North Leigh**

Buildbase FA Trophy second qualifying round
Saturday 11 November
Farnborough 3-3 **Banbury United**
Thame United 1-0 Worthing

Buildbase FA Trophy second qualifying round replay
Tuesday 14 November
Banbury United p-p Farnborough

Buildbase FA Vase second round
Saturday 11 November
Wantage Town 1-4 Melksham Town

Two in each half send Freds out

FA Vase

WANTAGE Town bowed out of the Buildbase FA Vase after losing 4-1 at home to Western League side Melksham Town.

The Freds conceded two goals in each half and were 2-0 down within seven minutes at Alfredian Park.

Warren Maidment (2 minutes) and Jake Brown (7) grabbed the early goals for the away side before Steve Robertson pulled one back for Wantage late in the first half.

But Ben Sadler's side never really looked like getting anything out of the second round tie against a well-drilled opposition.

Brown bagged two more goals in the second half on 68 and 83 minutes to knock the Freds out of the competition.

Abingdon United beat October's form team Brimscombe & Thrupp 3-2 at home in the Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup on Saturday before losing to the same opposition 2-1 in the Floodlit Cup three days later.

A Sam Wharton strike 10 minutes from time got the winner following first half goals from Tom Butler (37) and Graham Edney (41p) on Saturday.

John Dennis gave United an early lead on Tuesday – again at the Northcourt – but, reduced to 10 men on 16 minutes, the home side conceded first half and second half goals to lose 2-1.

There were no Hellenic matches involving Oxfordshire sides last weekend but on Saturday there are away trips for Abingdon and Oxford City Nomads at Flackwell Heath and Highworth Town respectively. Wantage host Royal Wootton Bassett.

Wild times for Thame as they create history

By George Welch

Thame United

A SPECTACULAR Dan West free kick sent Thame United through to the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy for the first time in their history.

West's wonderfully whipped free kick on the hour curled around the wall and into the back of the net for a 1-0 home win over Worthing on Saturday.

The historical win has set up a tie at Haringey Borough, to be played on November 25.

Worthing, from the level above Thame in the football pyramid, went into the game on the back of a four game winning streak but were unable to trouble a resolute United side for much of the match.

United were worthy winners and could have been ahead within a minute when Lynton Goss's mazy run culminated in Thame's top scorer striking a post.

Tom Ashworth saw an effort go over the bar shortly afterwards before Craig Hill in the Thame goal was called into action, tipping an effort from close range over the bar.

Thame were frustrated by the woodwork again when James McGowan nearly converted from a flurry of corners midway through the first half.

The second half started in similar vein and, after Goss had seen an effort well saved on 55 minutes, United eventually took the lead on 58 minutes.

West won the free kick 25-yards from goal and, stepping forward, curled the ball around the wall and into the bottom corner of the net.

It was no less than United deserved and the lead was almost doubled three minutes later when a dangerous West header was clawed away by the Worthing keeper.

Ellis Hercules and Adam Morris both went close to doubling the lead before Jared Rance hit the bar for the visitors in the dying minutes.

Thame returned to league action with a 1-1 draw at Barton Rovers on Tuesday.

West was at it again, putting United ahead on 23 minutes.

The forward also hit the bar twice in the first half but the visitors had to settle for a point when Barton snatched a 93rd minute equaliser.

The loss of captain Curtis Nelson is a big blow for United **Picture:** *Steve Daniels*

Achilles rules Nelson out

OXFORD United captain Curtis Nelson is set to miss the rest of the season with an Achilles injury.

The defender was stretchered off just before half time after challenging for a header in the 2-1 defeat against Northampton Town on Saturday.

An initial scan shows the 24-year-old has ruptured his Achilles tendon. He is set to have a second scan before surgery later this week.

Manager Pep Clotet said: "It is a blow for us but also obviously a huge blow for Curtis who was playing so well and has been a fantastic captain for us this year.

"It was clear straight away that he was struggling and the scan shows a full rupture, which at least means it is very clear what we are dealing with and the timescales involved.

"We have a fantastic medical team here and Curtis is a great professional so I am sure he will do all that is required and come back stronger than ever."

Nelson, who has made 62 appearances for the U's since joining from Plymouth Argyle in the summer of 2016, has been ever-present for United this season, making 19 appearances in all competitions and scoring one goal.

He was made club captain over the summer following Clotet's arrival and former captain John Lundstram's transfer to Championship side Sheffield United.

Railwaymen come from behind to draw

Evo-Stik round-up

DIDCOT Town twice fought back from a two-goal deficit to draw 3-3 at Bristol Manor Farm on Saturday.

With conditions not suited to playing football on Manor Farm's sloping pitch, the hosts went ahead in the sixth minute as Kye Holly tapped home from close range.

The visitors came into the game and began to dominate, but Seth Humphries and Sam Elkins could only find the woodwork.

Dean Stamp scored for the home side against the run of play to land a sucker punch just before half time and double Manor's lead.

The Railwaymen refused to be derailed however and were rewarded for more second half pressure when Felipe Barcelos scored from the penalty spot.

Manor Farm restored their two-goal cushion through Stamp's second of the afternoon only for Town to hit back again.

Barcelos scored from another penalty to make it a one-goal game for the final seven minutes.

Felipe Barcelos, pictured against Bishops Cleeve, scored twice from the penalty spot against Bristol Manor Farm. Picture: *Roger Neal*

And Didcot rescued their deserved point when Sam Elkins headed home from a corner in the 88th minute.

Despite the late pressure, the Railwaymen were unable to find a winner and had to be content with a point, even though some would feel they deserved all three points.

North Leigh have only played once this month as Saturday's match at Barnstaple Town was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch and their trip to Cirencester on Tuesday was called off because of floodlight failure.

The Millers are set to host Bishops Cleeve on Saturday.

U's draw Gills in Checkatrade

OXFORD United will travel to Gillingham in the first knockout round of the Checkatrade Trophy.

The U's, finalists in the last two years, will travel to Priestfield in the first week of December.

United made it through to the second round after a win, draw (defeat on penalties) and defeat in Southern Group G. The group featured winners MK Dons, Stevenage and Brighton and Hove Albion's academy side.

Full ticket and match details for the knockout game are yet to be finalised.

SkyBet League 1		GP	GD	PTS
1	Shrewsbury Town	16	14	37
2	Wigan Athletic	16	20	36
3	Charlton Athletic	15	7	30
4	Bradford City	17	6	30
5	Scunthorpe United	17	6	29
6	Rotherham United	17	7	26
7	Blackburn Rovers	15	9	25
8	Peterborough United	16	4	25
9	Fleetwood Town	17	1	25
10	Oxford United	17	5	23
11	Portsmouth	17	0	23
12	Southend United	16	-6	23
13	Blackpool	16	0	22
14	MK Dons	17	-6	22
15	Bristol Rovers	17	-5	21
16	Doncaster Rovers	17	-2	19
17	Walsall	16	-3	19
18	Oldham Athletic	16	-8	18
19	Northampton Town	17	-12	18
20	Rochdale	16	-3	17
21	AFC Wimbledon	17	-8	16
22	Gillingham	17	-8	15
23	Plymouth Argyle	17	-11	14
24	Bury Town	17	-7	13

Early goal proves decisive

OUFCW

AN early goal was enough to inflict a first defeat of the season on Oxford United Women, who lost 1-0 at Millwall Lionesses on Sunday.

Ella Rutherford scored the only goal of the game after eight minutes, firing in a long-range strike that snuck beyond U's keeper Demi Lambourne.

United responded well with Kayleigh Hines, Ellis Hillman and Hannah Short all trying their luck.

The hosts should have doubled their lead in the second half when Charlie Devlin sent Rianna Dean clear, only for Lambourne to keep her out.

Chloe Chivers missed the target for Oxford after being teed up by Hines' lofted through-ball, as the away side cranked up the pressure in the second period.

Dean should have wrapped the game up for the Lionesses with just a few minutes left, but was denied by a fine save, before Ellie Mason struck the bar.

Hillman said the defeat was a "frustrating loss after a quality second half performance from us".

Midfielder Emily Allen added that the defeat was a "tough one to take, especially when you deserve more from the game".

United slipped to fifth while Millwall regained their perch at the top of the WSL2 table.

Next up for the U's is a trip to Everton Ladies this evening (Thursday).

New floodlights at tennis courts

AN event to mark the re-opening of Florence Park's tennis facilities following a £250,000 investment will take place today (Thursday).

Financed by the LTA and Oxford City Council, the courts will be the first floodlit public courts in Oxford.

LTA president Martin Corrie and the city council's Cllr Linda Smith will officially switch the lights on at 4.15pm.

The new facilities are set to add another 5,000 playing hours a year for local residents allowing them to play long into the evening for the first time.

It is hoped the addition of floodlights will encourage more people to take up the game.

Sport

More sport inside: F1: Massa's emotional farewell at home | Ice hocky: Stars see off Phoenix | Golf: Pepperell tees off in Dubai season finale

Wes Thomas breaks through to pull United level
Picture: *Steve Daniels*

Pep calls for a return to early season good start

By George Welch

A DISAPPOINTED Pep Clotet has called on his players to reignite their early-season performances to end his side's losing habit.

Oxford United lost 2-1 at home to in-form Northampton Town on Saturday as the U's slipped to their fourth successive defeat in all competitions.

First half goals from Ash Taylor and Chris Long were enough for the Cobblers to continue their recent revival under Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and notch up their third successive win over the U's.

United cancelled out Taylor's 12th minute opener a minute before half time thanks to Wes Thomas' sixth goal of the campaign.

The striker ran on to James Henry's pass and drove an effort low into the bottom corner from 18 yards.

But Northampton were back in front within 60 seconds as Long capitalised on Ryan Ledson's error to race through and fire high into the net.

That's the way it stayed, although Billy Waters should have extended the visitors' lead when he missed a second half open goal.

Afterwards, Clotet said: "I'm disappointed [but] the players showed their fighting spirit until the end. They deserved a little bit more, especially as we helped with that second goal.

"The result doesn't match what happened but at the end there's no excuses. It is what it is and we have to turn that into domination and get the next three points.

"We had a good start to the league and we don't want this to become a blip.

"It's important we get back to our own solid performances. We just need to fine-tune all the little details."

The Spaniard ruled out any suggestions of a confidence crisis within the camp, adding: "We were good against Brighton [the previous Tuesday] and today [against Northampton]. The team is good at going forward and playing offensive football."

Tenth-placed Oxford, winless since beating Bristol Rovers last month, travel to second-bottom Plymouth Argyle on Saturday and host play-off chasing Blackburn Rovers (seventh) on Tuesday.

'We want to be up there at end of season'

FRUSTRATED Wes Thomas believes Oxford United will get back to winning ways once they cut out their silly mistakes.

The striker scored his first goal in five matches to level the scores just before half time against Northampton Town, only for Ryan Ledson to immediately gift the visitors what proved to be the winner.

United's top scored said: "I'm happy that I've got another goal but the most important thing [win] we didn't do so there's frustration there.

"We seem to be getting punished for every mistake that we make and that's the frustrating thing.

"We know we've got the ability to win these games and I believe we should have won it.

"We were the better side but we're being punished for silly little mistakes – we want to be up there at the end of the season so we need to turn it around very quickly."

The 30-year-old threw his support behind Ledson, whose bad error helped the U's on the way to a fourth successive defeat.

The midfielder was caught in possession on the halfway line by Chris Long, who collected the ball and slotted past Simon Eastwood.

Thomas said: "That's [the mistake] not something that Lego [Ryan Ledson] does – he's been an important player for us.

"He's made a mistake but he'll go again and we'll get over it."

Non-league round up and U's news inside

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